

Clinton ‘Appalled’ By Muslim Comments At Trump Town Hall



Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton is seen during a campaign stop at the Union Diner in Laconia, N.H. (AP Photo/Jim Cole) Page 4

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UK Labour Party official apologizes for pro-IRA comments

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Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — A top official in Britain's Labour Party has apologized for saying more than a decade ago that Irish Republican Army bombings and shootings helped bring about peace in Northern Ireland.

John McDonnell's statement of regret is the latest

clarification by the party's new left-wing leaders as they try to counter opponents' claims that their views are extreme.

McDonnell was appointed Labour's economy spokesman this week by new party leader Jeremy Corbyn.

McDonnell said on BBC television late Thursday that he was sorry for saying in

2003 that IRA "bombs and bullets" had brought the British government to the negotiating table and led to Northern Ireland's 1998 peace deal.

McDonnell said his words had been wrong, and apologized "from the bottom of my heart" for giving offense. But he added that he had made the speech

to "hold onto the peace process" and persuade militants not to take up arms again.

Labour's new leadership marks a sharp left turn for Britain's main opposition party, which had moved to the political center under former Prime Ministers Tony Blair and Gordon Brown.

Corbyn, a 66-year-old law-

maker, was elected leader last week as Labour supporters,

frustrated after two election defeats, sought a way to set the party apart from the Conservatives. Corbyn favors higher taxes for the rich, an end to public spending cuts and the abolition of nuclear weapons. □

Dutch police evacuate Paris-bound train, arrest man

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands

(AP) — Police in the Netherlands have arrested a man who locked himself in a toilet of a Thalys high-speed train heading for Paris early Friday.

The train was evacuated as a precaution at Rotterdam Central Station.

The incident comes less than a month after passengers subdued a gunman on board a Thalys train in northern France as it was traveling from Amsterdam to Paris, also on a Friday.

Police said in tweets that the arrest went off without incident, although the man was taken to hospital because he had hyperventilated after his arrest, and one officer was hurt when he was bitten by a police dog.



Members of an anti-terrorist unit of the Dutch police carry a man who locked himself in a toilet of a Thalys high-speed train heading for Paris, in Rotterdam central station, Netherlands, Friday, Sept. 18, 2015. The train was evacuated as a precaution.

(AP Photo/Peter Dejong)

Police are continuing to search the train and are going through a backpack that they believe belonged to the man.

No further information about him was immediately available. Rail services to and from Rotterdam were severely disrupted, Dutch rail authorities said.

Thalys said it was allowing passengers to cancel or postpone journeys planned for Friday without charge. Earlier, the high-speed rail provider said in a tweet that, "Security forces have situation under control. No risk for our passengers." NOS state television pictures showed heavily armed police with protective shields and equipment scanning the train cars and searching inside. □

Greece's Tsipras says election will defeat corrupt elite

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Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Left-wing leader Alexis Tsipras told thousands of supporters at his final campaign rally Friday that Sunday's general election was an opportunity for them to bury Greece's corrupt political elite who sank the country into a years-long financial crisis.

Speaking in Athens' main

Syntagma Square, the charismatic 41-year-old former prime minister urged voters to seize a historic opportunity.

"The choice you face is to turn back or to keep fighting on together.

Turning back would mean to return to a course of 40 years that piled debts on Greeks," he said, marking the end of a four-week campaign that at-

tracted little public interest. Sunday's election winner is likely to require the support of two smaller parties to form a coalition government, according to five opinion polls published Friday evening that suggested Tsipras made late gains and was ahead by a narrow margin.

Tsipras has ruled out forming a grand coalition with Vangelis Meimarakis' con-

servative New Democracy party — despite a commitment from both leaders to implement the new 86 billion euro (\$97 billion) international bailout agreement.

Meimarakis, 61, ran as an outsider, starting the race as caretaker leader of his party, but made gains wooing swing voters — farmers, women, and residents of

his ancestral home on the island of Crete — with the message that Tsipras could not be trusted after abandoning his anti-bailout platform.

"With all the promises he broke and damage he did ... why should Mr. Tsipras be given a second chance?" he told members of a conservative women's association in his final campaign appearance.

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Russian, U.S. military talks: Concerned over Syria

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Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — American and Russian military chiefs began talks Friday over Moscow's buildup in Syria, signaling the U.S. is resigned to Russia's emerging plans but anxious to avoid dangerous misunderstandings on the battlefield.

A 50-minute phone call between U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter and Russia Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu marked the first military-to-military conversation between the two countries in more than a year. And it came as Russia continued to send aircraft, troops and military equipment into Syria and the U.S.-led coalition kept up its assault against Islamic State militants.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov broached the idea of direct talks earlier this week in a phone call



Defense Secretary Ash Carter speaks during a news conference at the Pentagon. Carter spoke with his Russian counterpart Friday, the first step in direct military talks proposed by Russia about Moscow's military buildup to support the Syrian government against the Islamic State group.

(AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, and Shoigu initiated the call to Carter on Friday.

U.S. officials are increasingly worried that Russia's

plan to defend and support the government of Syrian President Bashar Assad could conflict with coalition airstrikes and other military operations against

the Islamic State. The main focus of the phone call, according to a senior defense official, was to talk about how the fight against IS will go forward without miscal-

culations. Russia has called for a broad coalition to fight the Islamic State group and has indicated that helping Assad's military is the best way to do that. However, U.S. policy has centered for the duration of the civil war in Syria on the idea that Assad must step down to make way for a new government. Until recently, Russia had seemed to agree with that policy.

The U.S. has been concerned about how to respond to Russia's increased support for Assad and how to interpret the intent behind the delivery of tanks, helicopters and other military equipment to a base in the coastal province of Latakia. A senior U.S. official said Shoigu told Carter that Russia's increased military activities are defensive in nature, and designed to honor Moscow's commitments to the Assad government. □

Clinton 'appalled' by Muslim comment at Trump campaign event

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Associated Press

DURHAM, New Hampshire

(AP) — Democratic presidential front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton said Friday she was "appalled" that Republican rival Donald Trump declined to correct a questioner at a recent town hall meeting who incorrectly claimed President Barack Obama is Muslim. Clinton told reporters that Trump and anyone seek-

ing the White House should "start behaving like a president, to show respect and to stand up for truth."

"He knew or he should have known that what that man was asking was not only way out of bounds, it was untrue, and he should have from the beginning repudiated that kind of rhetoric," Clinton said following a town hall meeting at the University of New Hampshire.



Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks at a campaign organizing meeting, Friday, Sept. 18, 2015, in Portland, Maine.

(AP Photo/Robert F. Bukaty)

Clinton has repeatedly sought to contrast her leadership style with the Republican billionaire, who has built a lead in Republican primary polls and attracted large crowds to his rallies. Trump, the billionaire businessman, did not dispute the man's comments at the Thursday night town hall meeting in New Hampshire and said he had heard others raise the issue previously.

"If that person had been at my event, I would have called him out on it," Clinton said. "Not only is it out of place and wrong, it is totally factually untrue and quit impugning the integrity of the president."

The Democratic presidential candidate declined to speak specifically about the debate performance of Republican Carly Fiorina, who confronted Trump during the televised event over comments he had made about Fiorina's appearance. But she said all of the top Republican candidates on the debate

stage supported "defunding Planned Parenthood and I vigorously disagree with that position."

Later, in Portland, Maine, Clinton confronted a small group of environmental activists who stood up during her organizing event and held signs that read, "I'm Ready for Hillary to say no KXL," demanding she oppose the Keystone XL pipeline. Clinton has declined to take a position and expressed impatience with the Obama administration's deliberations over whether to approve the pipeline, which would transport oil from Canada's tar sands to refineries on the Gulf of Mexico.

"What I have said is you'll hear from me shortly and you will, but you're not going to hear from me today," Clinton said. "So don't interfere with other people being able to participate." In declining to take a stand on the pipeline, Clinton has said she doesn't want to interfere with a decision that was under consideration

while she served as secretary of state.

Clinton spoke at a town hall meeting at the University of New Hampshire to outline her campaign's \$350 billion plan to make college more affordable and reduce the burden of student debt. It aims to reduce the cost of four-year public schools, make two-year community colleges tuition-free based on a similar proposal by President Barack Obama, and cut student loan rates. She made no mention of her Democratic rivals like Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders but said Republicans had "taken aim" at higher education and sought to cut aid that makes school more affordable.

Clinton also signaled plans to confront the "for-profit" college industry, "who have been preying on our young veterans. It's outrageous what some of these places have done — they entice young veterans to join and then it's a fraud. We're going to crack down on that." □

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Official: Mom, boyfriend blame each other in 'Baby Doe' case

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AP Legal Affairs Writer

BOSTON (AP) — A mother and her boyfriend are "blaming each other" for the death of a little girl whose body was found inside a trash bag on a Boston Harbor island this summer, a state official said Friday, after a monthslong campaign to learn the child's identity.

Democratic House Speaker Robert DeLeo said he has been briefed on the investigation into the death of a girl who came to be known as Baby Doe. "It appears as though it was a situation of the boyfriend who was involved and apparently, I think, mother and boyfriend sort of blaming each other in terms of who harmed the child."

DeLeo confirmed the identity of the child as Bella Bond. He could not immediately confirm the name of the child's mother. He said the boyfriend, Michael McCarthy, 35, was being treated at a Boston hospital for drug issues.

The discovery of the girl's body sparked a massive social media campaign. Within two weeks, a composite image of the chubby-cheeked, brown-eyed girl had reached an estimated 47 million people on Facebook.

Police searched a Boston apartment Thursday after receiving a tip.

Officials from the state's child protection agency said they had contact with Bella twice, for four months in 2012 and three months in 2013. In both cases, officials described the involvement as "support for neglect," and the cases were later closed.

Between 2001 and 2006, the Department of Children and Families termi-

nated parental rights for two of her mother's older children. One of the children was later adopted by her maternal grandmother; the other was adopted by someone outside the family, DCF officials said.

Rhonda Mann, a spokeswoman for the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, said the agency has been working with law enforcement for several months in an effort to help police identify the girl.

"Now that we know her name, the story is no less tragic. DCF has not had an open case with this family for over two years, but did have brief involvement with Baby Bella as an infant," she said in a statement.

Because the case involving Bella had been closed, it was not among cases that DCF examined after the discovery of the remains on Deer Island, the agency said.

Investigators estimated the girl to be about 4 years old. Her body was found June 25 inside a trash bag on Deer Island in Winthrop by a woman walking a dog.

Information Wanted



The Suffolk County District Attorney, Massachusetts State Police, and Winthrop Police are seeking the public's help in identifying a female toddler whose body was found on the western shore of Deer Island on June 25, 2015. This computer-generated composite image depicts her as she may have appeared in life.

The child was approximately four years old at the time of her death, had brown eyes and brown hair, weighed about 30 pounds, and stood about 3½ feet tall.

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This undated flyer includes a computer-generated composite image depicting the possible likeness of a young girl whose body was found on the shore of Deer Island in Boston Harbor on June 25, 2015. A mother and her boyfriend are "blaming each other" for the death of the little girl, a state official said Friday. (Suffolk County District Attorney via AP)

Police immediately appealed to the public for help in identifying the girl. Using photos of her remains, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children created a composite image of what the girl might have looked like when she was alive.

Authorities set up an anonymous text line and put the image up on billboards. They were flooded with tips, which led authorities to check on the well-being of dozens of little girls but did not lead them to Baby Doe's family.

Despite the widespread publicity, investigators had been frustrated for months trying to figure out who she was and how she died. There were no obvious signs of trauma to her body. An autopsy performed by the state medical examiner's office did not immediately determine the manner or cause of her death.

Police chased down tips from around the world, but experts determined pollen on the girl's blanket and leggings and in her hair came from trees found in New England. □

Alleged shooter's friend pleads not guilty to lying

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Associated Press

COLUMBIA, South Carolina

(AP) — Dylann Roof's friend knew about his plans to shoot black church members during Bible study in Charleston and lied to investigators when they interviewed him a day after the massacre, according to an indictment unsealed Friday.

Joey Meek, 21, hung out with Roof off and on in the weeks before the June 17 shooting at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal and failed to let authorities

know that Roof was planning a racially motivated attack, the indictment said. On Friday, Meek stood before a federal magistrate in handcuffs, shackles and an orange jumpsuit and pleaded not guilty to charges of lying to investigators and concealing information.

According to the indictment, Meek knowingly lied to an FBI agent when he said "that he did not know specifics of Dylann Roof's plan to shoot individuals on a Wednesday, during Bible Study, at an AME Church

in Charleston, South Carolina." The indictment does not specify how the government knows Meek was lying.

If convicted, Meek faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison for lying to investigators. The maximum penalty for concealing information is three years.

His bond was set at \$100,000. It wasn't immediately clear whether he would be able to make bail.

Meek's attorney and prosecutors refused to comment.

A day after the shooting, Meek told The Associated Press that Roof had drunkenly complained to him that "blacks were taking over the world" and "someone needed to do something about it for the white race."

Meek also said Roof told him that he used birthday money from his parents to buy a .45-caliber Glock semi-automatic handgun. Meek said he took the gun away from Roof the night of his drunken rant but gave it back to him when he had sobered up. □



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Investigator: Bergdahl left post to expose problems in unit

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Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The officer who led the investigation of Bowe Bergdahl's disappearance and capture in Afghanistan six years ago testified Friday that the Army sergeant said he walked away from his post as part of a plan to spark a search and get the attention of a general so he could express his concerns about his unit's leadership. Maj. Gen. Kenneth Dahl told a packed courtroom at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio that Bergdahl felt the problems were so severe that they put his platoon in danger, but that Bergdahl's perceptions were "completely off the mark."

Dahl said Bergdahl had an elaborate plan to head from his post to the forward operating base roughly 19 miles away, expecting to arrive while a search was underway and to create a "PR event" that might get a general to listen to him. "He felt it was his duty to



From left, defense lead counsel Eugene Fidell, defense counsel Lt. Col. Franklin D. Rosenblatt, and Dr. Mary Connell, consultant for the defense, arrive for day two of a preliminary hearing to determine if Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl will be court-martialed, Friday, Sept. 18, 2015, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Bergdahl, who left his post in Afghanistan and was held by the Taliban for five years, is charged with desertion and misbehavior before the enemy.

(AP Photo/Darren Abate)

intervene," said Dahl, who described Bergdahl as having few friends but who seemed motivated to help others. He said he doesn't think Bergdahl should go to prison.

Bergdahl was captured by the Taliban after leaving his post on June 30, 2009, and

held until last year, when he was exchanged for five Taliban commanders being held at the U.S. detention center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. His commanding officers in Afghanistan testified Thursday about the grueling 45-day search for Bergdahl, saying it put

other soldiers in danger.

Military prosecutors charged Bergdahl in March with desertion and misbehavior before the enemy. His Article 32 hearing, which was concluded Friday, will help determine if he should face a court-martial. The prisoner exchange drew a lot of public criticism, with many Republicans and some Democrats saying they felt it was politically motivated and contrary to the U.S. policy of not negotiating with terrorists.

Terrence Russell, with a military agency that works with soldiers and others who have been held captive and who debriefed Bergdahl, testified that Bergdahl was subjected to worse conditions than any American prisoner of war since the Vietnam War and was "skin over bones" near the end of his captivity.

Russell said Bergdahl's captors treated him like a "dirty animal," beating him with rubber and copper hoses and giving him little food and water. He said Berg-

dahl was kept in a cage for three years and had uncontrollable diarrhea for years.

Bergdahl tried to resist and attempted to escape on multiple occasions, including one attempt in which he managed to elude recapture for 8½ days, Russell said. He acknowledged the public criticism leveled at Bergdahl, but said Bergdahl did the best he could under the circumstances.

"They don't know what the facts are. Nobody knows Sgt. Bergdahl's story. I hope someday the world gets to understand how difficult Sgt. Bergdahl had it," he said.

Earlier Friday, Bergdahl's former squad leader, former Sgt. Greg Leatherman, testified that before Bergdahl disappeared, he expressed concern to his first sergeant that Bergdahl didn't seem to be adjusting well to their deployment and that he thought Bergdahl should speak to someone such as a chaplain. □

APNewsBreak: Waco police bullets hit bikers in May melee

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Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — When two rival motorcycle gangs clashed outside a Texas restaurant, the violence took many forms — handguns, knives, clubs, brass knuckles. After the melee was over, nine bikers were dead, their bodies sprawled on the pavement, surrounded by blood and shell casings. Four months after the shootout, authorities have released almost nothing about the gunfight beyond

a vague initial description of a brawl that spiraled out of control.

But evidence reviewed by The Associated Press now confirms that the gunfire included rounds fired by police that hit bikers, though it isn't clear whether those rifle shots caused any of the fatalities.

The AP reviewed more than 8,800 pages of evidence related to the May 11 confrontation, including many police reports. Reporters also viewed dash-cam video and photos and listened

to audio interviews. Together, the evidence offers the best insight yet into how the shootout unfolded.

Investigators have offered scant details about what sparked the fight or how the gunfire played out, and no one has been charged with any of the deaths.

The trove of evidence — expected to be presented to a grand jury — includes dashboard video of people fleeing the scene while shots ring out, audio of police threatening to shoot people if they rise from the

ground and photos of bodies lying in pools of blood in the restaurant parking lot.

The gunfire erupted shortly before a meeting of a coalition of motorcycle clubs that advocates for rider safety.

Waco police were aware of the potential for violence and assigned 16 officers to watch over the gathering. State police were also present.

Many witnesses, including bikers and waitresses at the Twin Peaks restaurant, told police that the shooting

began after a Bandido rider hit a prospective member of the Cossacks with his motorcycle.

A fistfight ensued, followed by several minutes of shooting, according to the evidence reviewed by the AP. Bikers and drivers can be seen on video fleeing the restaurant parking lot on foot and in vehicles while officers carrying rifles run to the scene. As shots pop off in the background, an officer swears repeatedly. The aftermath looked like a combat scene. □

US Financial Front:

Jobless rates fall in 29 states in August amid job gains

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Unemployment rates fell in 29 states in August and held steady in 11 as hiring remained solid nationwide. Falling oil and coal prices continued to take a toll on energy-producing states. The Labor Department said Friday that rates rose in the remaining 10 states. Employers added jobs in 32 states and shed them in 18. Oil prices that are sharply lower than a year ago contributed to job losses and higher unemployment in several states, including Alaska, North Dakota, and Texas. And falling demand for coal has devastated West Virginia, which has the nation's highest unemployment rate at 7.6 percent. That is up from 7.5 percent in July.

South Dakota reported the largest percentage loss of jobs last month. Texas, meanwhile, shed 13,700 positions, the most of any state except New York, which lost the same amount.

Nationwide, employers

added 173,000 jobs in August, while the national unemployment rate fell to 5.1 percent from 5.3 percent. The state unemployment report comes a day after the Federal Reserve decided against raising short-term interest rates, citing threats to the U.S. economy from weak growth in China and the persistence of very low inflation.

Tara Sinclair, chief economist for the jobs website Indeed, said the state data supports the Fed's decision to delay. Ongoing lower rates could help spur further hiring.

Sinclair says that 36 states still have higher unemployment rates than they did before the Great Recession began in December 2007. And 14 have rates much higher than the 5 percent that the Fed says is consistent with a healthy economy, including Alabama, Arizona, California and North Carolina.

"These results are in line with the Fed's holding off on an interest rate hike yesterday," Sinclair said.

Unemployment in Cali-



A now hiring sign hangs nearby as a builder works on a commercial property under construction in Peabody, Mass. The Labor Department reported on state unemployment rates for August 2015 on Friday, Sept. 18, 2015.

(AP Photo/Elise Amendola)

fornia, the largest state by population, remains elevated at 6.1 percent, though that is down sharply from 7.4 percent a year ago. Alaska's unemployment rate is 6.6 percent, down only modestly from 6.9 percent a year ago.

Nebraska continued as

the state with the nation's lowest jobless rate, though it rose to 2.8 percent from 2.7 percent the previous month. North Dakota has the second-lowest, at 2.9 percent, down from 3 percent the previous month.

Still, North Dakota, which has benefited from a boom

in oil and gas drilling, is one of three states to lose jobs in the past year. The other two are West Virginia and Alaska.

The states with the biggest job gains in August were California, with 36,200; Florida, with 19,600; and Ohio, with 14,600. □

Index of US economy sees only small 0.1 percent gain in August

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — An index of future U.S. economic health edged up slightly in August after a flat reading in July.

The outcome in both months signaled economic growth could be moderating.

The Conference Board said Friday that its index of leading indicators rose 0.1 percent in August following no change in July and a 0.6 percent jump in June. The July reading had initially been reported as a decline of 0.2 percent.

Conference Board economist Ataman Ozyildirim said the index was signaling that growth will be moderate through the rest of the year "with little reason to expect growth to pick up substantially."

Economists at BMO Capital Markets said the performance of the index in August mirrored the mixed signals facing the Federal Reserve, which wrapped up a highly anticipated two-day meeting on Thursday with a decision to leave interest rates unchanged given all the uncertainty facing the global economy.

Five of the 10 forward-pointing indicators that make up the index increased with the largest contributions coming from favorable interest rates and a rise in building permits.

The biggest negative factor weighing on the index was the sharp fall in stock prices during the month, a turbulent period when investors grew concerned about developments in China, the world's second largest economy. □

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Brazen Taliban attack on Pakistani military base kills 29

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Associated Press

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP)

— Suspected Taliban militants launched a brazen attack on a Pakistani military base on Friday, killing 29 people including 16 who were gunned down inside a mosque during prayers. The Pakistani army quickly blamed militants from neighboring Afghanistan, which Islamabad routinely accuses of harboring terrorists who launch attacks across their porous border. The attack was a major blow to Pakistan's military, which had stepped up operations against militants following a horrific Taliban attack last December at a Peshawar school that killed 150 people, mostly children. It also underscored the ability of the militants to stage spectacular attacks on targets linked to the country's military and government.

All 13 attackers were killed after an hours-long firefight at the Badaber base on the outskirts of the northwestern city of Peshawar, army

spokesman Gen. Asim Saleem Bajwa said. In addition to the dead, another 29 people were wounded. More than 2,000 employees were on the base at the time of the attack, Bajwa said. The attackers first stormed the guard room and then tried to move toward its administrative block, but were stopped by security forces, he said.

The base was established in 1960s but in recent years has mostly been used as a residence for air force employees and officers from Peshawar.

Bajwa said the assault was quickly repulsed because of timely and coordinated action by security forces. He told reporters in Peshawar that "the attackers came from Afghanistan," though he stressed he did not mean that the government in Kabul was behind the assault.

Intercepted communications indicated that the attackers were being handled by superiors in Afghanistan, he said, but would not elaborate further



Commandos head to an air force base in Peshawar, Pakistan, Friday, Sept. 18, 2015. Militants in northwestern Pakistan attacked an air force base on the outskirts of Peshawar early Friday, triggering a shootout that left at least 20 wounded and six of the attackers dead, officials said.

(AP Photo/Mohammad Sajjad)

because Pakistan's spy agency was investigating the evidence. It was also possible that the attackers were assisted by someone on the inside, he added. There was no immediate response from Afghanistan. A spokesman for the Pakistani Taliban, Mohamad

Khurasani, claimed responsibility for the attack. In a statement to the media, he said 14 Taliban fighters were involved in the assault. They offered "safe passage" to women and children after attacking the base, Khurasani said. He added that the Taliban

"targeted" 50 security forces, without explaining what that meant.

The Pakistani Taliban also released a video in which militant leader Khalifa Umar Mansoor is seen sitting among the alleged attackers. He said he was in charge of the attack and that the purpose was to avenge Pakistani military bombardment of mosques and the killing of civilians in tribal regions, as well as the humiliation of seminary students in cities.

He said the attack was ordered by Mullah Fazlullah, the chief of the Pakistani Taliban whom Pakistan says is hiding in Afghanistan. Pakistan wants Kabul to arrest Fazlullah as he is accused of numerous acts of terrorism in Pakistan.

Independent Pakistani analyst Zahid Hussain said Pakistan and Afghanistan should work together to eliminate militants, who were their common enemy. □

Activists: Syrian warplanes attack IS-held Palmyra

ZEINA KARAM
Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP)

— Syrian warplanes unleashed a wave of deadly airstrikes on the Islamic State-held town of Palmyra in central Syria on Friday, killing at least 15 and wounding many more, activists said, in some of the heaviest bombardment since the extremist group seized the ancient town May 10.

The Palmyra airstrikes come a day after the Syrian army carried out heavy air raids in the northern city of Raqqa, also held by the Islamic State group.

A local activist who spoke

on condition of anonymity for security reasons reported at least 30 air raids on Palmyra Friday. A local media collective called the strikes a "massacre" and said 15 people were killed and more than 120 wounded. It said Palmyra's only hospital was suffering severe shortages in staff and equipment, and some of the wounded had to be taken to Raqqa, more than 200 kilometers (125 miles) away.

It did not say if those killed were civilians or IS fighters. However the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said a number

of IS militants were among those killed.

The Syrian government says it is the leading force fighting IS in Syria and Russia, a key ally of President Bashar Assad, is trying to convince the West of the need to work with Syria in this effort. Meanwhile, a coalition of rebel groups launched a major ground offensive on two predominantly Shiite villages in the northern province of Idlib, firing dozens of rockets and detonating at least seven booby-trapped vehicles on their outskirts.

The coalition, known as Jaysh al-Fateh, or "Army of Conquest," attacked

Foua and Kfarya villages earlier Friday. Both are held by pro-government forces in an otherwise rebel-controlled province.

Syrian TV and Manar, a station owned by Lebanon's Hezbollah group, said popular defense forces — a term used to refer to Shiite militias — foiled attempts by "terrorists" to attack Foua and destroyed five armored vehicles. Hezbollah fighters are also fighting to defend the two villages. Syrian government forces have pulled out from Idlib province over the past year following major gains by the rebel coalition. □



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Europeans shut borders, block bridges, to halt migrant surge



Migrants crowd to board a train at the station in Tovarnik, Croatia, Friday, Sept. 18, 2015. Croatia declared it was overwhelmed and began busing migrants in convoys back to Hungary and closing its border crossings with Serbia.

(AP Photo/Petr David Josek)

**DANICA KIRKA
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ZAGREB, Croatia (AP) —

Thousands of migrants were trapped Friday in a vicious tug-of-war as bickering European governments shut border crossings, blocked bridges and erected new barbed-wire fences in a bid to stem the wave of humanity fleeing conflict and poverty in the Middle East and Africa.

Asylum-seekers who fled westward after being beaten back by tear gas and water cannon on the Hungarian-Serbian border just days earlier found themselves being returned to Serbia, where their ordeal began, after Croatia declared it could not handle the influx.

The EU's failure to find a unified response to the crisis left this tiny Balkan nation, one of the poorest in the European Union, squeezed between the blockades thrown up by Hungary and Slovenia and the unending flood of people flowing north from Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan.

With more than 17,089 migrants arriving in just three days, Croatian Prime Min-

ister Zoran Milanovic declared that his nation of 4.2 million could no longer cope and the asylum-seekers could not stay.

"What else can we do?" Milanovic said at a news conference. "You are welcome in Croatia and you can pass through Croatia. But go on. Not because we don't like you, but because this is not your final destination."

"Croatia has shown it has a heart," he said. "We also need to show we have a brain."

Across eastern Europe, barriers to the migrants' passage were thrown up as nations tried to shift the burden of handling the influx onto their neighbors, leaving asylum-seekers ever more desperate and confused.

Croatia declared itself overwhelmed and began busing migrants to Hungary and closing its border crossings with Serbia. Slovenia halted rail service to Croatia and was sending migrants back there, while Hungary began building yet another razor-wire border fence, this time on its border with Croatia.

Caught in the middle of

this high-stakes game of hot potato were the masses of miserable men, women and children who have found their way to the wealthier European nations they wish to settle in blocked at every turn.

"We are seeing the result of haphazard policies," said Maurizio Albahari, a social anthropologist at the University of Notre Dame and author of "Crimes of Peace: Mediterranean Migrations at the World's Deadliest Border."

"The situation is largely due to the lack of a coordinated approach toward

the reception of these displaced persons."

Most migrants don't want to stay in Croatia — only one woman with children has requested asylum, the country's foreign minister said. Instead, they are trying to reach Western European countries like Germany that have said they are welcome.

While Croatia is happy to let people pass through, Hungary and Slovenia say allowing the migrants to cross their borders would violate European Union rules. Croatia is part of the EU but not a party to the Schen-

gen treaty, which allows people to travel freely between 26 European countries without showing their passports. Slovenia and Hungary are treaty members and say they are protecting Europe's borders.

Events in the Balkans have underscored the failures of the EU's common asylum policy, which calls for a "joint approach to guarantee high standards of protection for refugees."

Though the EU says "asylum must not be a lottery," scenes from Croatia on Friday showed it isn't working out that way. □




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Japan enhances military's role as security bills pass



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, center, waits at the lower house of the parliament in Tokyo, Friday, Sept. 18, 2015.

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MARI YAMAGUCHI
Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's parliament has approved contentious legislation that enhances the role of the country's military by loosening post-World War II constraints, as the ruling bloc defeated opposition parties' last-ditch effort to block a vote.

The upper house's approval in the early hours of Saturday makes the legislation into law, reinterpreting Japan's constitution and fundamentally changing the way it uses its military. Opponents say it violates Japan's constitution and puts the country at risk of becoming embroiled in U.S.-led wars.

The legislation has sparked sizeable protests and debate about whether Japan should shift away from its pacifist ways to face growing security challenges. Rallies have spread across the nation especially after the ruling parties approved the bills in July in the more powerful lower house. Japan's military can now

defend its allies even when the country isn't under attack — for the first time since the end of the World War II — and work more closely with the U.S. and other nations. Japan will also be able to participate more fully in international peacekeeping, compared to its previous, mostly humanitarian, missions.

"The legislation is necessary in order to protect the people's lives and their peaceful livelihood, and it is to prevent a war," Prime Minister Shinzo Abe told reporters after the passage of a total of 11 bills — one related to international peacekeeping and a package of 10 others designed to allow Japan's military to defend its allies in an action called "collective self-defense." Dozens of constitution scholars, lawyers and other legal experts have joined protests, saying the legislation allowing Japan to use force to settle international disputes violates its U.S.-drafted postwar constitution that renounces a right to wage war.

China said it and other Asian neighbors are closely watching the vote be-

cause of Japan's wartime aggression.

"We demand that Japan genuinely listen to just appeals from both at home and abroad, learning from historical lessons and adhering to the path of peaceful development," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei told a regular news briefing Friday. Previous postwar governments had all made the notion of collective self-defense unconstitutional. But Abe's Cabinet last year decided to allow it by unilaterally adopting a new interpretation of the constitution, instead of formally revising the charter, saying it must be adapted to today's increasingly challenging security environment. The constitutional reinterpretation triggered public criticism that Abe's government undermined democracy. In Washington, leaders of Senate committees overseeing U.S. defense and foreign policy welcomed the legislation's passage, saying it would contribute to international peace and security and strengthen the U.S.-Japan alliance. □

China to respond firmly to any North Korea nuke test

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Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — If North Korea launches a rocket into space or conducts a nuclear test in the coming weeks, as observers suspect it may, China is certain to respond angrily, and perhaps with an unprecedented level of economic punishment. The question is whether North Korea can be swayed even by its most important ally. China, which fought on North Korea's side in the 1950-53 Korean War and

remains its biggest trading partner and source of assistance, is thought to have the most leverage of any nation over Kim Jong Un's authoritarian country. Yet the degree of that influence has long been questioned, particularly over the almost four years since Kim took power following the death of his father, Kim Jong Il, who visited China repeatedly and maintained close ties with Beijing. Kim the younger has yet to make a trip to China or receive any high-

ranking Chinese officials in Pyongyang. He snubbed a prestigious military parade in Beijing earlier this month by instead sending an envoy, secretary of the ruling Korean Workers Party Choe Ryong Hae. Now, North Korean officials have signaled that they could mark the 70th anniversary of the founding of its ruling Workers Party on Oct. 10 with a satellite launch, and announced a restart of atomic-fuel plants that prompted speculation that it is preparing for its

fourth nuclear test explosion. Either a nuclear test or a satellite launch would violate U.N. resolutions, the latter because the rocket technology needed can also be used to develop long-range missiles. China's response to North Korea's last declared nuclear test, in the spring of 2013, was considered something of a watershed in degree of harshness. China swiftly joined the international community in condemning the action, called in the North Korean ambassador

to protest, and, according to some indications, slowed the flow of goods across their border.

A new nuclear test or rocket firing could lead China to enforce existing and future sanctions more vigorously. "China will strongly oppose (a test or launch) and will be sure to implement future United Nations resolutions even more resolutely," said Zhang Liangui, a North Korea expert with the ruling Communist Party's main research and training institute in Beijing. □



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Pope plans to duck dissidents in Cuba, spawning criticism



Dissident Eliecer Avila, head of the opposition group Somos Mas, stands at the entrance of his home in Havana, Cuba. "It's essential that the pope delivers a message to the government of Cuba," Avila said.

(AP Photo/Desmond Boylan)

**A. RODRIGUEZ
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HAVANA (AP) — Pope Francis plans to meet with Cuba's president and its priests, its young and its sick, its churchgoers and its seminarians as he travels around the island starting Saturday. But not with its dissidents.

The absence on Francis' agenda of any meeting with the political opposition has sparked bitter critiques from dissidents who say they feel let down by an institution they believe should help push for greater freedom in Cuba.

"He should exert more pressure," said Antonio Rodiles, head of the hardline group Estado de SATS. "In many cases political systems have come under international pressure that has resulted in change, and that's what needs to happen with Cuba."

Papal observers say it's likely Francis will speak strongly to Cubans about the need for greater freedom in their

country and may speak to President Raul Castro in private about the same topic. But in shying from meetings with dissidents, the pope is hewing largely to the Cuban Catholic Church's strategy of advocating for change within bounds laid out by the communist state rather than pushing the system to change as John Paul II did in Eastern Europe. There is no one Cuban official consider more out of bounds than the country's dissidents, whom they call mercenaries paid by the U.S. government and Cuban-American interest groups in Miami.

Vatican spokesman Federico Lombardi said this week that Francis had not accepted any invitations to meet with dissidents, and well-known opposition members told The Associated Press they have received no invitation to see him.

Popes rarely meet with political opposition figures during their foreign trips and neither St. John Paul

nor Pope Benedict XVI met with dissidents during their respective 1998 and 2012 visits to Cuba, prompting similar criticism. Lombardi noted that a possible occasion for bringing up Cuban's human rights situation could be during Francis' private meeting with Raul Castro, or while the Vatican secretary of state, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, meets with his Cuban counterpart.

"Often, these types of problems are dealt with in conversations, not so much with public proclamations but in personal, direct or private discussions," Lombardi said. "The tradition of the Holy See's authority is to deal with them with a discretion that can often be more efficient than other, possibly more visible but less opportune ways."

The pope "will be well aware that his not meeting dissidents will be construed in some quarters as kowtowing to the regime but he won't care about that," said Austen Ivereigh, au-

thor of "The Great Reformer: Francis and the Making of a Radical Pope."

Francis has a close relationship with Cardinal Jaime Ortega, the archbishop of Havana who has overseen the church's relationship with the Cuban state since 1981. Ortega has been fiercely criticized by dissidents in Cuba and anti-Castro forces in Miami for not confronting the government as the church has done in other places around the world.

Despite the assertions of rights groups that there are still dozens of political prisoners in Cuba, Ortega told reporters in June he wasn't aware of any, saying: "It's really difficult to interpret who's a political prisoner." The next month, a dissident

tried to deliver a list of political prisoners to Ortega during a July 4 party at the residence of the top U.S. diplomat in Havana. The cardinal refused to accept it, telling reporters it wasn't the appropriate forum. The dissident said Ortega threatened to call security and have him thrown out.

"There's a very great nervousness in the Cuban church about being seen to be in any way abetting the political opposition in Havana," Ivereigh said. "They have gone out of their way — some say they may have gone too far in being supportive — but I think they're playing the long game and I think they know this is a process of evolution rather than regime change." □

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Puerto Rico: Once-thriving mountain town faces economic abyss

DANICA COTO
Associated Press

LARES, Puerto Rico (AP) — Ismael Rodríguez looked out on a nearly empty plaza from the clothing store he opened in 1960, now hemmed in by padlocked businesses in this mountain

blematic of the economic stagnation that is overwhelming Puerto Rico, and those who live here believe it is a warning sign of things to come across the island if it doesn't emerge soon from a nearly decade-long financial slump.

ing agricultural center, producing about 20 percent of the coffee grown in Puerto Rico and was a bedroom community for people working in manufacturing plants along the northern coast. It also had a prominent role in Puerto

ture that tourism dropped 80 percent after it shut down last year.

Agriculture was once Lares' economic engine, producing surpluses of coffee, plantains, oranges and bananas thanks to the 25 to 40 sacks of free fertilizer that farmers received from the government. But as government revenues dwindled, officials instead gave each farmer \$45, which buys one sack of fertilizer, said Mayor Roberto Pagan.

"How is that enough to make a living?" he asked, noting that the number of farms in Lares has dwindled from nearly 1,500 to less than 1,000 in recent years. As the economy continues to contract in Puerto Rico, jobs have dried up, with hundreds of manufacturing plants leaving the island or downsizing dramatically. Among those hit was the once-thriving Eagle Industries plant in Lares that makes U.S. military and police uniforms. Some 300 people work there now, but Pagan said the factory sometimes closes for up to two months at a time amid economic fluctuations.

Businesses that managed to stay open in downtown Lares and elsewhere continue to struggle, with a shrinking number of customers who are watching their budgets.

"Ten years ago or more, I used to sell thousands of dollars a day," Rodríguez said. "Now, I only sell maybe \$100."

As jobs and farms vanish, so have people.

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Angelo Lopez, 74, stands in front of his fresh fruit store in Lares, Puerto Rico. Lares has become emblematic of the economic stagnation that is overwhelming Puerto Rico, and those who live here believe the town is a warning sign of things to come across the island if the government doesn't emerge soon from its nearly decade-long financial slump.

(AP Photo/Ricardo Arduengo)

town in northwestern Puerto Rico.

"Junior: Fashion Dictator" is the oldest business in Lares still run by its original owner, a feat in a town that is experiencing the deepest malaise of just about any community on this island in the depths of an economic crisis.

"I have seen the destruction of a town," Rodríguez, 67, said as he gestured toward the plaza. "Look at all the shuttered stores."

Lares has become em-

The town of some 30,000 people has lost more residents than any other municipality in Puerto Rico in the last four years, and it has the island's second-highest unemployment rate, at 22 percent. In the past five years, more than 25 percent of businesses have closed and more than a third of farms have collapsed as families flee to the U.S. or to other more prosperous parts of the island.

Lares was once a thriving

Rican history, considered the birthplace of the independence movement and the site of an annual commemoration of an 1868 uprising against the Spanish. In more recent years, it had become a tourist destination for people coming to shop for crafts at its open air market and to visit the Lares Ice Cream Store, the most famous on the island. The shop, now closed, featured exotic flavors like sweet plantains, garlic and cod fish and was such a fix-

Mexico arrests cartel figure over the missing 43

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Federal authorities captured a suspected high-ranking drug cartel member who has been implicated in last year's disappearance of 43 college students in the southern state of Guerrero, officials said this week.

State prosecutor Miguel Angel Godinez Munoz announced the arrest of Gildardo Lopez Astudillo in a statement, and National Security Commissioner Renato Sales later confirmed the detention.

Sales called Lopez Astudillo, 36, the "intellectual author" of the students' disappearance. He was arrested Wednesday in the city of Taxco and is suspected of involvement in drug distribution, extortion and organized crime.

In November, then Attorney General Jesus Murillo Karam said it was Lopez Astudillo who informed his drug gang boss, Sidronio Casarrubias Salgado, that rivals were causing trouble in the city of Iguala. Casarrubias allegedly instructed him to defend their turf.

The government's investigation maintains that local police in Iguala illegally detained the students from the Rural Normal School of Ayotzinapa on Sept. 26, 2014, and turned them over to the Guerreros Unidos gang. Authorities say they were killed and incinerated at a garbage dump.

A recent report presented by a group of independent experts has discredited many aspects of the official inquiry, such as discounting the possibility that the bodies were burned on a giant pyre at the dump. Authorities say they have identified the remains of two of the missing students. The identification of the second victim, Jhosivani Guerrero de la Cruz, was announced Wednesday. A team of Argentine investigators also working on the case said Thursday night that "serious questions" remain about the origin of samples that were tested and that it does not consider the identification a definitive result. □

Venezuela military plane crashes by Colombia border

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuela's government said Friday that an air force jet has crashed while monitoring an illegal flight that had entered the country near the Colombian border. The Defense Ministry said the Sukhoi-30 went down Thursday night. It was not known if its two

crew members survived or what caused the crash. The plane had detected an "illegal aircraft" that had entered Venezuelan airspace near the northwestern border with Colombia, according to the military. Drug traffickers frequently cross the border and the countries also are

in the midst of a border crisis. Venezuela has closed much of its border with Colombia and expelled more than 1,000 Colombians to combat paramilitary activity and widespread smuggling of goods that are subsidized at home.

President Nicolas Maduro closed the last re-

maining bridge connecting the two countries this week. Colombia accused Venezuelan aircraft of at least two incursions into its airspace over the weekend. Presidents of the two nations were expected to meet in Ecuador Monday to discuss the deteriorating situation. □



Why Aruba Tourism Is Booming — And What's Next

PALM BEACH - The Dutch Caribbean's tourism hub is growing. Quickly. Plainly, tourism in Aruba is booming. The island saw a 16.2 percent increase in stayover visitor arrivals in the first half of 2015, making it the Caribbean's fastest-growing destination in the first half of 2015, according to data from the Caribbean Tourism Organization. So what's next for the island? To learn more, Carib Journal caught up with Ronella Tjin Asjoe- Croes, CEO of the Aruba Tourism Authority.

-What is the outlook for Aruba tourism and the forecast for the high season?

With each passing year, Aruba continues to see an increase in the number of stay-over visitors and visitor on-island spending. After receiving a record number of annual visitors in 2014 (1.07 million), ATA set an aggressive goal for an 11.5 percent increase in 2015, as well as a 4 percent increase in tourism receipts, and is on track to surpass those goals. The overall ADR is projected to grow by 5-10 percent in 2015, and RevPar is projected to grow by a similar rate. With increased airlift, island-wide hotel renovations and new projects in the works, coupled with ATA's innovative digital marketing strategies, Aruba's tourism product improves annually — resulting in improved performance results year over year.

-What new initiatives are there for Aruba Tourism Authority?

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main crucial to Aruba's success as one of the most popular tourist destinations.

-What are the largest challenges facing Aruba as a tourist destination?

The World Tourism Council (WTC) reports Aruba's GDP is more reliant on travel and tourism than any other nation, relative to size, in the world. Tourism currently accounts for 88 percent of the nation's GDP and only continues to increase. As such, Aruba must remain creative and digital-savvy to inspire consumers to visit and fully experience our island. Our target audience visits more than 20 websites

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-What sort of new investments are being made in the public sector of Aruba as it relates to tourism?

As part of Aruba's ongoing, \$1 billion+ island revitalization and beautification

project, the destination recently invested more than \$100 million in significant hotel updates to enhance visitors' experiences, with an additional \$50 million planned for next year. The Aruba Airport Authority also fully renovated the Reina Beatrix International Airport, introducing new amenities and services true to the One happy island brand. This includes an airport wide Wi-Fi upgrade, installation of APC and ABC Kiosks, three new F&B concepts and an additional 150 seats, and an update to the airport arrival hall and VIP lounges. Airport investments between \$100-150 million are planned in the upcoming years, as traffic continues to reach new heights

-Are there large renovations, new projects or new hotels are on the horizon?

In addition to the island-wide resort renovations, Aruba has new hotels in the works. The city of San Nicolas continues to be a large focus for ATA and the government, as it continues to evolve as a cultural center, with new museums slated in the coming years.

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-Tell us a little about upcoming Aruba events and festivals. Which of these can you recommend?

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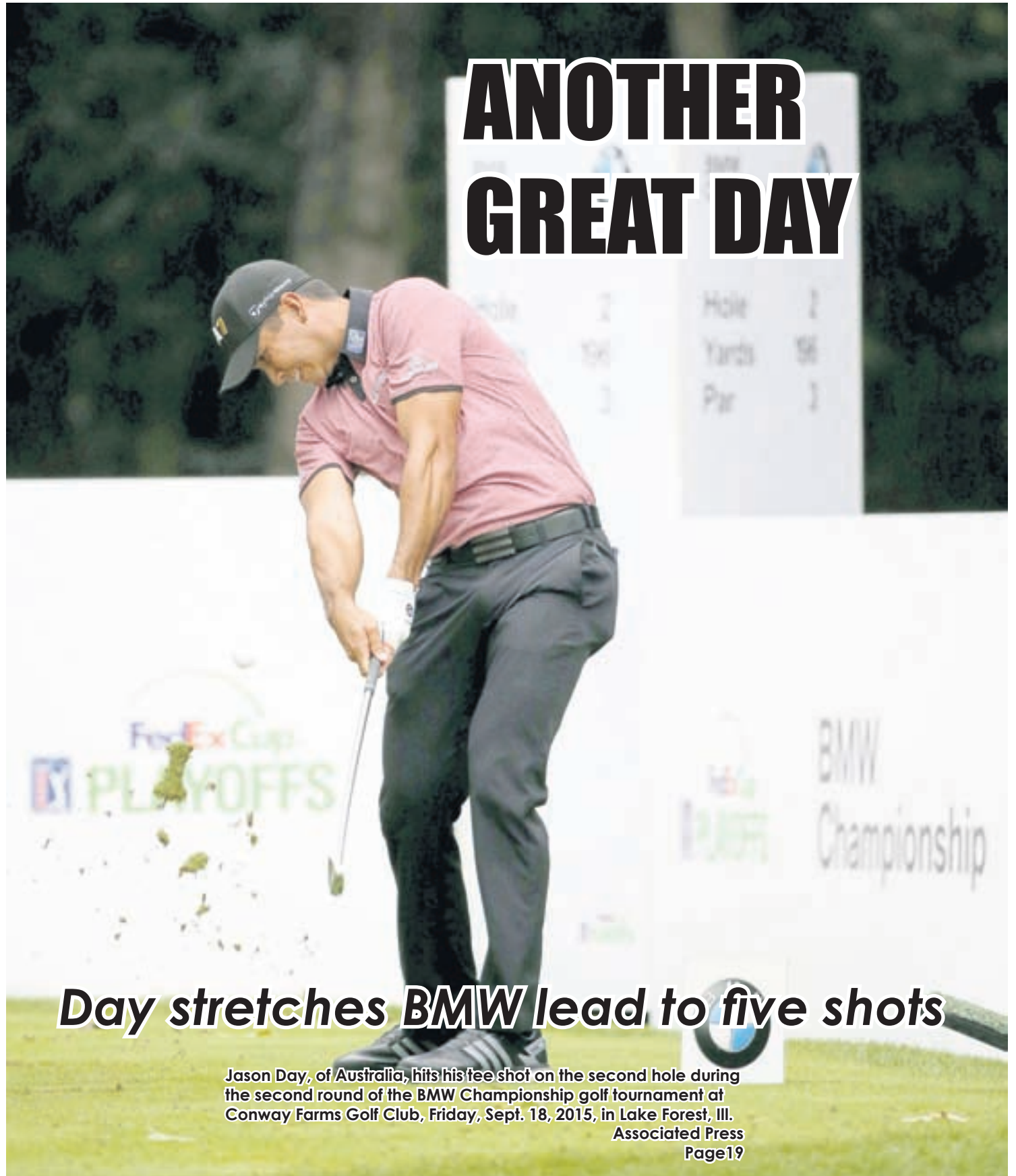
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KANSAS CITY, Kansas (AP) — Benny Feilhaber scored twice, Dominic Dwyer added a goal in the 83rd minute and Sporting Kansas City beat FC Dallas 3-1 on Friday night to earn its first win in six games. Sporting KC moved into fourth place in the Western Conference with 44 points. FC Dallas remained on 47 points and missed its chance to leap Vancouver to sit atop the Western Conference. Feilhaber opened the scoring in the 65th minute on a free kick. He curled a ball around the wall that went off the post and in. Feilhaber earned his brace from a penalty kick in the 76th, after goalkeeper Jesse Gonzalez fouled Dwyer while battling for a loose ball. Dallas pulled to 2-1 in the 80th on Victor Ulloa's shot from distance. Three minutes later, Dwyer smashed a shot between two defenders into the upper right corner. □



ANOTHER GREAT DAY

Day stretches BMW lead to five shots

Jason Day, of Australia, hits his tee shot on the second hole during the second round of the BMW Championship golf tournament at Conway Farms Golf Club, Friday, Sept. 18, 2015, in Lake Forest, Ill. Associated Press Page19

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Tiger Woods has second microdiscectomy surgery on back

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With his game ailing, Tiger Woods announced he underwent a second microdiscectomy surgery on his back.

"This is certainly disappointing, but I'm a fighter," Woods said. "I've been told I can make a full recovery, and I have no doubt that I will."

Woods made the announcement on his website — www.tigerwoods.com — and reported the microsurgical procedure — intended to relieve pain from a pinched nerve — was performed late Wednesday in Park City, Utah, by neurosurgeon Dr. Charles Rich.



In this Sunday, Aug. 23, 2015, file photo, Tiger Woods pauses on the fifth hole during the final round of the Wyndham Championship golf tournament at Sedgefield Country Club in Greensboro, N.C.

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Woods pulled out of three events he planned to play this year and isn't expected to return to the tour until January at the earliest.

Dr. Rich, who performed the initial operation in March 2014, called it "a complete success." Woods was discharged Thursday. The 14-time major champion hasn't won one of golf's four biggest events since the 2008 U.S. Open. Woods also has won more than 100 events worldwide, but none since the 2013 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational.

Woods canceled planned appearances in the Frys.com Open at Silverado in California and the Bridgestone America's Golf Cup in Mexico City next month and his own Hero World Challenge in the Bahamas in early December.

"I'd like to send my regrets to Frys and all those associated with the America's

Golf Cup ... I will be attending my foundation-hosted Hero World Challenge but won't be able to play," Woods said.

After experiencing lingering discomfort in his back and hip, Woods elected to have surgery quickly in hopes of returning to the PGA Tour early in 2016, or as soon as possible. He is scheduled to begin rehabbing within a week.

"I appreciate the fans' concern and support," he said. "This is unfortunate, but these things happen. I've been injured before and played again. It won't be any different this time." In his last tournament, Woods had a season-best 10th-place tie late last month in the Wyndham Championship in North Carolina. He played only 11 events this season, missing four cuts and withdrawing once, and has dropped to 283rd in the world ranking. □

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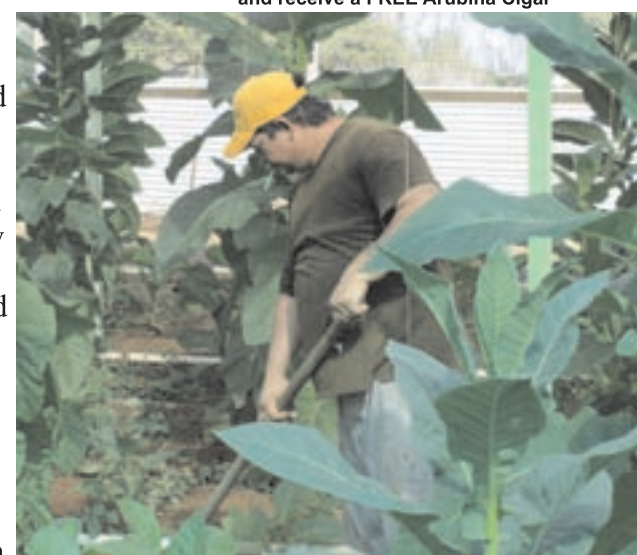
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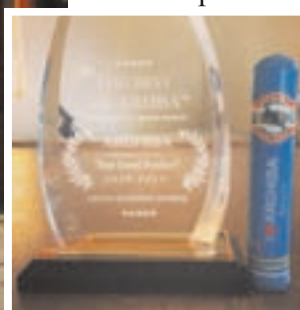
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It's Jason Day and everyone else at BMW Championship

JIM LITKE

AP Sports Writer

LAKE FOREST, ILL. (AP) — As

Jason Day's long eagle putt at the last hole rolled down the hill and toward the hole, every revolution of the ball only added to the sense of inevitability.

When it disappeared into the cup for an 8-under 63, a PGA Tour record-tying 36-hole score of 18 under and a five-shot lead at the BMW Championship, Day pumped his fist as playing partners Jordan Spieth and Rickie Fowler broke into widening grins and then applause.

Their expressions said it all about golf's man of the moment: Day is making everything that matters.

"I feel like I should be paying to come watch some of this," said Spieth, tied for fifth at 11 under. "It was special."

Special enough, anyway, that Day's closest pursuers, rookie Daniel Berger and Brendon Todd, shot 64 and 63, respectively, on a rain-softened Conway Farms layout and still couldn't make up any ground. Yet



Jason Day, of Australia, celebrates his eagle putt on the 18th green during the second round of the BMW Championship golf tournament at Conway Farms Golf Club, Friday, Sept. 18, 2015, in Lake Forest, Ill.

Day's day could have been more special still.

After heavy rain forced a suspension of the opening round, Day returned to Conway Farms early Friday needing to hole a 44-yard wedge shot for an eagle that would have given him a 59 and tied another tour

record. Instead, he hit a low pitch that skidded to a stop 10 feet from the hole and narrowly missed and settled for a 61.

"I came in this morning and obviously didn't shoot 59 and felt like everyone was disappointed in me," Day chuckled.

He was kidding, but just barely. Day has won three times — including his first major, the PGA Championship — and is an aggregate 97 under in tournament play since a narrow miss at the British Open in late July. "I don't know how else to explain the way I've been playing. I feel very free, like there's no stress. There's obviously stress," Day added a moment later, "but I'm enjoying it."

After shooting 32 on the front nine to start the second round, the Aussie strung together four birdies in a six-hole stretch on the back, then capped it off with an 43-foot putt for eagle at No. 18. But he was far from the only golfer on a roll. With little wind and receptive greens and fairways, the field averaged 3-under 68 and world No. 1 Rory McIlroy said even that seemed generous.

Citing the conditions, the length of Conway Farms (it played at 6,892 yards Friday) and the number of par-4 holes reachable with a driver, "the par for us out here should be 67 or 66," added McIlroy, who shot 65 and called it only "a decent score."

Berger, too, might have done better if not for a lost ball at No. 14, which led to his only bogey of the day.

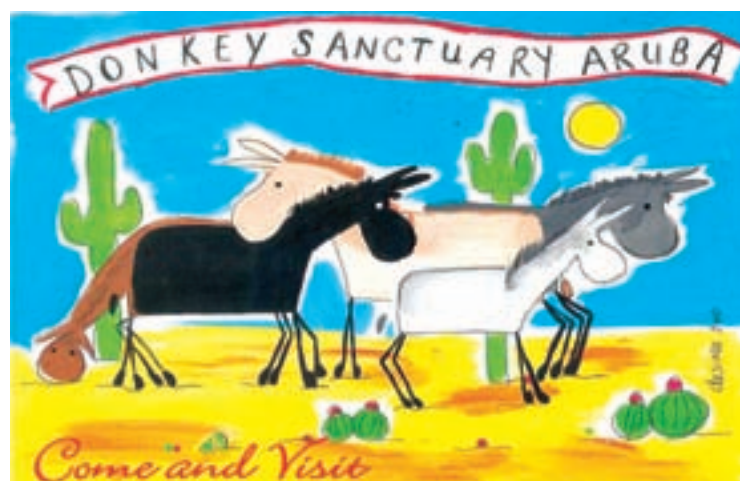
"We had plenty of people definitely helping us look, probably 25 people" Berger said. "At one point, I offered the crowd \$500 if they could find. Seriously, I did."

"We probably found 20 balls," he added ruefully. Like Day and Spieth and three other players, Todd made eagle at the 556-yard, par-5 18th. Todd holed a wedge from 81 yards, but didn't stick around long to celebrate. His wife flew in earlier in the day, but because Todd forgot to add her name to the reservation, she wound up watching the round in the hotel bar.

"She told me 'good playing,' so I assume she caught a little bit," he said. "They don't like to show me on TV, but I think they probably showed that one on 18." Day's finish there definitely made it onto the screen. Considering the way he's playing, no one in the golf world dares take their eyes off him.

He said as a youngster he wanted to dominate the game like Tiger Woods and after the second round, the inevitable question followed: "Are you heading in that direction now?"

"I hope so. That would be nice," Day said, but caught himself soon after and added, "But he's won 79 times and I've only won six. But it's something I can shoot for." □





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Broncos complete stunning comeback, beat Chiefs 31-24

DAVE SKRETTA
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Peyton Manning and the Denver Broncos have beaten the Kansas City Chiefs every way imaginable over the years, from playoff shootouts to defensive tug-of-wars.

Well, not quite every way. Not until Thursday night. Denver cornerback Bradley Roby returned Jamaal Charles' second fumble 21 yards for a touchdown with 27 seconds left, completing a stunning comeback in the closing minute for a 31-24 victory — the Broncos' seventh straight over their AFC West rivals.

"I'm not quite sure I'd ever been in one quite like that," Manning said. "That was a new one."

Manning threw for 256 yards and three scores, the last to Emmanuel Sanders with 36 seconds left as the Broncos (2-0) appeared to force overtime. But on the next play from scrimmage, with the Chiefs (1-1) also eyeing overtime, Charles was stripped by Brandon Marshall and the ball bounced right into Roby's hands.

The dramatic about-face came after Knile Davis gave Kansas City the lead with 2:27 left on an 8-yard run, raising hope among



Denver Broncos cornerback Bradley Roby (29) runs for a touchdown after recovering a ball fumbled by Kansas City Chiefs running back Jamaal Charles (25) during the second half of an NFL football game in Kansas City, Mo., Thursday, Sept. 17, 2015. The Broncos won 31-24.

Associated Press

a sellout crowd that the Chiefs might finally end some curses.

Instead, Denver won its 13th straight division road game, breaking a tie with the San Francisco 49ers (1987-90) for most in NFL history. And for one night, Manning quieted his growing doubters by improving to 14-1 in his career against the Chiefs.

"I've been involved in a couple of pretty crazy

games," he said, "but nothing quite like this."

Charles finished with 125 yards rushing and a touchdown, but he will only remember his fumbles — one in the red zone early in the game, the other deep in his own territory late in the game. "I have to be careful with the ball," Charles said. "It's my fault."

Alex Smith threw for 191 yards for Kansas City, but also had two passes picked

off.

"We thought we had it won," Davis said. "Unfortunately, they made the touchdown and it was our time to overcome and win the game, and we couldn't finish. It was an emotional rollercoaster."

Manning threw a pick-six of his own, but he responded when it mattered the most. The Broncos took over at their own 20 after Davis had given Kansas City the lead, and the seven-time All-Pro marched them calmly down field. Manning found Demaryius Thomas for three long receptions to get deep into Chiefs territory, then hit Sanders with a strike over the middle on third-and-10 from the Chiefs 19 for the touchdown that

kept Denver alive.

"That last drive was really good," said Manning, who joined Brett Favre during the game as the only quarterbacks in NFL history with at least 70,000 yards passing. "I'm really proud of our young offensive line — no poise issues, no communication issues."

The late-game dramatics transpired after the Chiefs bolted to a 14-0 lead in their home-opener, energizing a boisterous, red-clad crowd that had been tailgating all afternoon.

But like he has so often against the Chiefs, Manning answered by leading Denver on an 80-yard TD march late in the first half. The capper was a pass over the middle to Sanders, who slipped between the safeties and somersaulted into the end zone for the 16-yard touchdown reception. Two plays later, Aqib Talib picked off Smith's throw on a poorly thrown pass in the flat, and the Broncos needed just four plays for Manning to find Virgil Green with a tying touchdown toss.

After swapping field goals, the Chiefs were poised to celebrate when Davis took a handoff from Smith as the quarterback fell down and raced into the end zone late in the fourth quarter. Turned out to be not late enough for Manning and the Broncos.

"I'll tell you," Manning said, "their defense is so much better than last year. They're so stout against the run. They just make it hard all night. We just kept plugging." □



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Rizzo hits 30th homer, lifts Cubs to 9-6 win over Pirates



Chicago Cubs' Anthony Rizzo (44), argues with home plate umpire Dan Bellino after being hit by a pitch while St. Louis Cardinals catcher Tony Cruz (48), holds Rizzo back from charging the mound during the seventh inning of a baseball game Friday, Sept. 18, 2015 in Chicago. Chicago won 8-3.

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PITTSBURGH (AP) — Anthony Rizzo started a six-run fifth inning with his 30th homer, and Chicago defeated Pittsburgh to take three of four in an important series between National League playoff contenders. Pirates rookie shortstop Jung Ho Kang is out six to eight months after breaking his left leg and injuring his knee in the first inning when Chris Coghlan slid into him while trying to break up a double play. The Cubs moved within two games of Pittsburgh for the top wild card spot in the playoffs. The Pirates trail first-place St. Louis by five

games in the NL Central division. Chicago turned a 4-3 deficit into a 9-4 lead with the fifth-inning outburst that included a two-run double by reliever Clayton Richard (4-2) and RBI singles by Addison Russell and Tommy La Stella. Cubs rookie Kris Bryant had his second straight three-hit game. Travis Wood struck out five in two perfect innings for his second save. Charlie Morton (9-8) lost for the fourth time in five starts. Gregory Polanco, Pedro Alvarez and Travis Snider homered for the Pirates.

CARDINALS 6, BREWERS 3

MILWAUKEE (AP) — John Lackey pitched seven shut-out innings and St. Louis beat Milwaukee in a game delayed after Brewers pitcher Jimmy Nelson was hit in the head by a line drive. The Cardinals swept the three-game series to extend their winning streak to four.

Nelson (11-13) was struck in the back of the head by a liner from Tommy Pham in the third inning. Nelson crumpled on the mound and remained prone face down for about a minute. He later walked off the field and was hospitalized after a CT scan showed a bruise. Lackey (12-9) scattered five hits and two walks while striking out eight. He has a 2.23 ERA in his last 17 starts. Pham tripled, doubled and singled, driving in two runs and scoring twice. Matt Carpenter had three hits, including a home run. Milwaukee dropped its sixth in a row.

MARLINS 6, NATIONALS 4

WASHINGTON (AP) — Justin Bour and Martin Prado homered for the second straight game, and Miami dented Washington's fading playoff hopes.

The Nationals, opening their 11-game final homestand, fell eight games behind the first-place New York Mets in the NL East.

Ian Desmond homered, singled and drove in four runs for Washington, which had won four straight. Tanner Roark (4-6) took the loss, allowing six runs and eight hits over five innings.

Jarred Cosart (2-4) turned

in his third straight productive effort since being recalled from the minors. He gave up two runs and three hits in six innings.

A.J. Ramos got four outs for his 28th save. Miami has won 12 of 16.

In other NL games it was Chicago Cubs 9, Pittsburgh 6; Miami 6, Washington 4; Toronto 5, Atlanta 0; and St. Louis 6, Milwaukee 3. □

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Shin's 4 hits, 2 RBIs lead Rangers to sweep of Astros

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ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Mitch Moreland hit a three-run homer and Colby Lewis pitched six innings for his 16th victory as the American League West-leading Texas Rangers beat the Houston Astros 8-2 Thursday to complete a four-game sweep.

South Korea's Shin Soo-Choo matched his career high with four hits, scored twice and drove in two runs for the Rangers, who entered the series trailing the Astros by 1 1/2 games. Texas now leads the division by 2 1/2 games with 16 remaining, including three at Houston from Sept. 25-27.

The Astros finished a 2-8 trip and have a 1 1/2-game lead for the second AL playoff wild card over Minnesota.

Rookie right-hander Lance McCullers (5-6) took the loss.

Lewis (16-8) allowed two runs and seven hits, adding to his career high for wins.

ANGELS 11, TWINS 8

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Mike Trout hit a grand slam and a solo shot to set a career high for home runs in a season with 38, and Los Angeles beat Minnesota.

The reigning AL Most Valuable Player's grand slam in the second inning erased most of an early 5-0 deficit, and he led off the fourth with his second homer of the game.

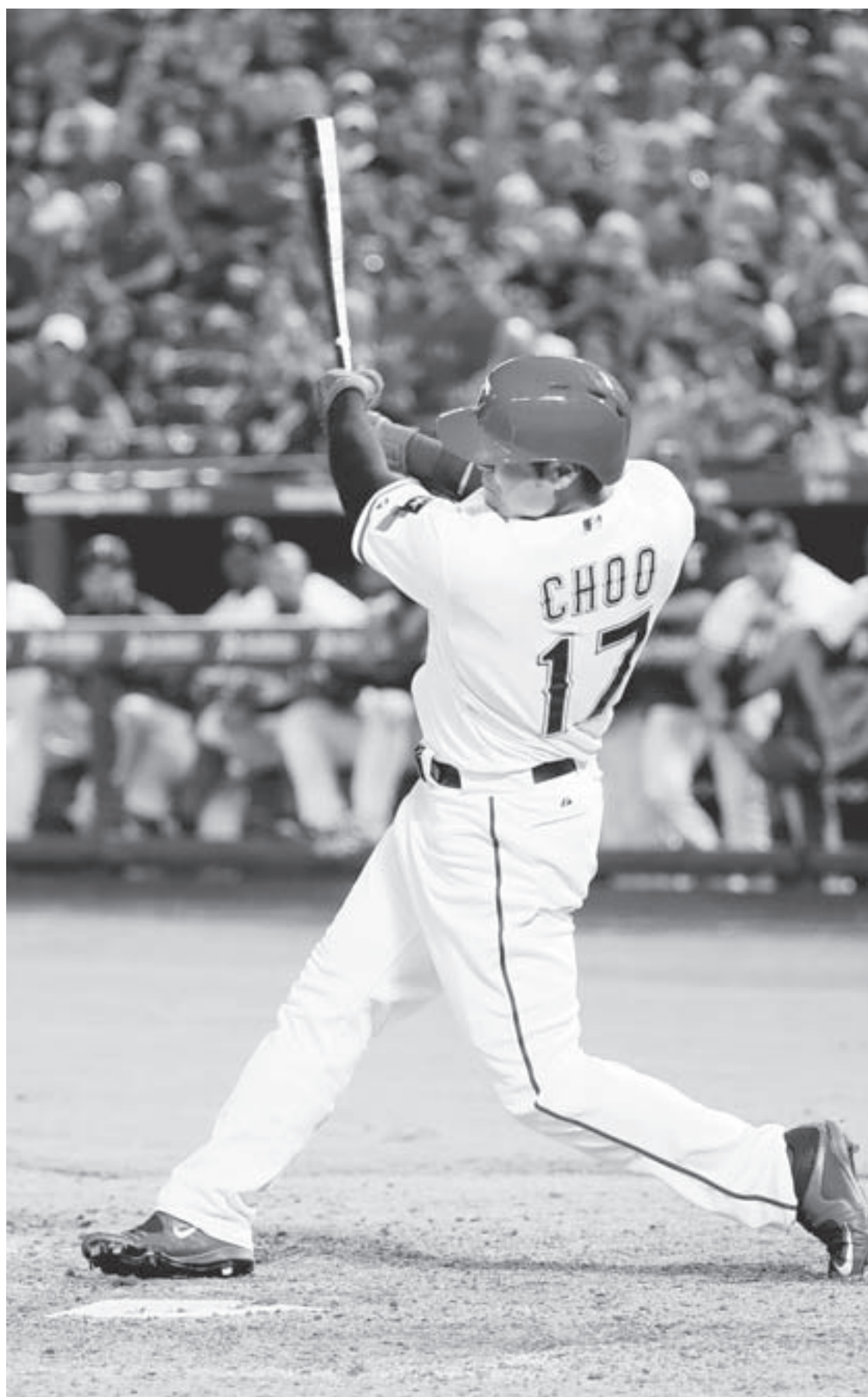
Taylor Featherston and Chris Iannetta also homered and Huston Street earned his 36th save for the Angels, who pulled within 2 1/2 games of Houston in the race for the second AL wild card.

Torii Hunter and Aaron Hicks went deep for the Twins. Tommy Milone lasted just 1 1-3 innings despite being staked to that five-run lead. He gave up five runs, four hits and three walks.

BLUE JAYS 5, BRAVES 0

ATLANTA (AP) — Marco Estrada combined with Roberto Osuna on a three-hitter, and Toronto blanked Atlanta to extend its lead in the AL East division.

Cliff Pennington, Edwin Encarnacion and Josh Donaldson homered for the Blue Jays, who lead the New York Yankees by 3 1/2 games. Toronto won two of three for its first series win over the Braves since 2008.



Texas Rangers' Shin-Soo Choo follows through on a single off Houston Astros relief pitcher Tony Sipp during the seventh inning of a baseball game Thursday, Sept. 17, 2015, in Arlington, Texas.

Associated Press

Encarnacion connected off Matt Wisler (5-8). Pennington hit a three-run shot later in the inning. The three homers boosted Toronto's season total to 207, most in the majors. Wisler has lost seven straight decisions.

ROYALS 8, INDIANS 4
CLEVELAND (AP) — Omar Infante drove in a career-high seven runs and Kansas City overcame some early sloppiness against Cleveland.

Infante, a veteran infielder making his first start in 11 days, hit a three-run homer in the second inning off Corey Kluber (8-14), added a two-run double in the fifth after the Indians pulled their ace and a two-run single in the seventh. Yordana Ventura (12-8) went five innings, retiring struggling All-Star Jason

Kipnis with the bases loaded to end the fifth as the AL Central-leading Royals, who had three errors in the first three innings and four overall, split the four-game series. Kansas City won for just the fourth time in 13 games.

Greg Holland got his 32nd save. Kluber started for the first time since Aug. 29 after being sidelined with a hamstring injury. The reigning AL Cy Young Award winner allowed two earned runs and five hits in four innings.

ORIOLES 4, RAYS 3

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP) — Adam Jones hit a go-ahead, two-run single with two outs in a four-run eighth inning as Baltimore topped Tampa Bay.

Baltimore moved within 4 1/2 games of Houston for the second AL playoff wild card.

Chaz Roe (4-2) pitched 1 1-3 hitless innings. Darren O'Day retired three straight batters for his third save, sending the Rays to their fifth defeat in six games.

Alex Colome (6-5) took the loss.

ATHLETICS 4, WHITE SOX 2

CHICAGO (AP) — Billy Butler hit a three-run homer in the ninth inning off David Robertson as the Oakland Athletics rallied to beat Chicago.

Robertson (6-4) blew his seventh save in 36 chances when he allowed a double to Brett Lawrie, a single to Danny Valencia and Butler's 13th homer.

White Sox right fielder Avisail Garcia jumped at the wall and appeared to catch Butler's drive, but the ball fell out of his glove and into the Oakland bullpen as he hit the fence.

Sean Doolittle (1-0) pitched two scoreless innings.

Chicago starter Jose Quintana tossed four-hit ball through seven innings and Mike Olt homered for the second consecutive day.

In other AL Oakland 4, Chicago White Sox 2; Baltimore 4, Tampa Bay 3; Kansas City 8, Cleveland 4; Toronto 5, Atlanta 0; Texas 8, Houston 2; and L.A. Angels 11, Minnesota 8. □

Miami becomes 3rd U.S. city with internet domain name

MIAMI (AP) -- Officials say Miami will become the third U.S. city to have a dedicated Internet domain name. Mayor Tomas Regalado and Commissioner Francis Suarez announced the .miami domain during a news conference Thursday. Starting Oct. 2, Miami will join New York, with .nyc, and Las Vegas, with .vegas, in offering its own domain name.

A news release says the .miami domain is operated by Minds + Machines, a leading domain name registry. A significant portion of the revenue generated will go to the city.

The new .miami top-level domain was established as a part of the historic expansion of the Internet naming system administered by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers. More than 7 million domain names have now been registered across several hundred new top-level domains. □

Facebook now selling video ads targeted users will see

NEW YORK (AP) — Facebook is now selling video ads that the target audience is sure to see.

The world's biggest online social network said Thursday that advertisers can now buy ads that will be seen — from top to bottom — on a user's screen. Of course, this is still no guarantee that the user will choose to watch the entire video. But the option is likely to make advertisers happy.

Facebook, which started showing mobile ads in 2012, views video as the next frontier in advertising. The company says the new buying option will be available for every type of ad, including text, photo and video. Facebook also formed a partnership with analytics company Moat to measure the effectiveness of video ads, including how many people watch them and for how long. □

Chinese, U.S. ride-hailing services form alliance

BEIJING (AP) — Ride-hailing services Didi Kuaidi of China and Lyft of the United States have agreed to link their apps in a move that steps up competitive pressure on rival Uber.

Didi Kuaidi invested \$100 million in San Francisco-based Lyft under the agreement announced Thursday. The companies said customers from the United States and China will be able to use both companies' apps when traveling to the other country. They said travelers made more than 7.8 million trips between the two countries in 2014.

The tie-up would support Lyft's expansion in China, where Uber already operates. Didi Kuaidi says it serves some 200 million people in 360 Chinese cities. The company says it accounts for 80 percent of China's private car service market and more than 90 percent of its taxi hailing service market. □



This May 20, 2015 file photo, Jenji Kohan arrives at Netflix's "Orange Is The New Black" Q&A Screening at the Director Guild of America in Los Angeles.

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Report: Health care apps available in U.S. top 165,000

TOM MURPHY
AP Business Writer

Smartphone users now have more than 165,000 apps available to help them stay healthy or monitor a medical condition, but just three dozen account for nearly half of all downloads, according to a new report. Most apps focus on fitness or wellness by helping the user do things like count calories or track steps walked. Doctors and other care providers also are taking a growing interest in using apps to help patients, but concerns about a lack of research and data protection are limiting wider use of the technology, the IMS Institute for Healthcare Informatics said.

Even so, health app use is shifting from being a novelty to more of a core part of care for many people, said Murray Aitken, the institute's executive director.

"We're clearly moving in that direction," he said. The institute, which sells software that ranks apps,

analyzed more than 26,000 available in the United States through either Apple or Android app stores. Its analysis, released Thursday, doesn't count apps available through other venues like health care systems.

It found that the number of health-related apps for the iOS operating system used by iPhones has more than doubled in just two years to about 90,000.

Most of the apps in its study are free. The most popular, or those with more than 10 million downloads, include MyFitnessPal's Calorie Counter and an exercise tracker from Endomondo. At the other end, 40 percent of apps available in the U.S. market have less than 5,000 downloads.

Some apps are designed for specific medical conditions like TouchChat, which aims to help patients with autism, Down syndrome or other conditions communicate. Calorie Counter also is among those most frequently recommended

by doctors, along with the weight-loss app Lose It.

Dr. Mike Sevilla said he started recommending apps to patients a few years ago after they began asking for advice about them. He frequently recommends apps to help patients track their exercise or diet. The Salem, Ohio, family doctor also said the Mayo Clinic offers good apps to help people learn about conditions like diabetes.

Dr. Robert Wergin doesn't recommend apps to patients yet, but he uses one he heard about at a conference to help profile cardiovascular risk.

The Milford, Nebraska-based president of the American Academy of Family Physicians said he's still getting familiar with the use of apps, and he'd like to see more evidence-based research that shows whether they can improve health before he starts recommending them.

"But I think there's great potential," he said. □

Wall Street dips as investors mull Fed rate decision

BERNARD CONDON

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Fears over slowing global growth hammered stocks in the U.S. and Europe on Friday

that has in the past typically boosted stocks. But some investors, expecting the Fed would be confident enough to nudge rates up by at least a quarter

crisis low. The Fed meets again next month and in December.

The Dow Jones industrial average ended down 289.95 points, or 1.7 per-

the Fed cited low inflation, weakness in the global economy and unsettled financial markets. Investors have been on edge about a slowdown in China and other emerging market nations since last month. The S&P 500 index is down about 8 percent from its record close of 2,130.82 set in May.

UBS strategist Julian Emanuel said a mix of other factors may have also fed the selling Friday.

Investors are worried about third-quarter corporate earnings, which are expected to drop 4 percent for companies in the S&P 500, he said. Also, several dozen House Republicans have said they won't vote for a funding bill that includes money for Planned Parenthood, raising the specter of a government shutdown next month.

"When you add up the Fed, China, the cloudy earnings outlook and, and possibly of government shutdown, it's not a surprise that the market has had a defensive reaction," Emanuel said.

In Europe, Germany's DAX fell 3.1 percent while the CAC-40 in France dropped 2.6 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 ended the day 1.3 percent lower.

Among U.S. stocks making big moves, JPMorgan Chase fell \$1.71, or 2.7 percent, to \$60.94 as investors judged that lower interest rates for longer mean banks won't be able charge more for loans. Citigroup slumped \$1.36, or 2.6 percent, to \$50.29. □



Trader Tommy Kalikas works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Fears over slowing global growth hammered stocks in the U.S. and Europe on Friday and lifted prices of government bonds and other assets seen as safer bets.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

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The selling pushed down major stock indexes in Europe, before spreading to the U.S. The Standard and Poor's 500 index slumped to its biggest loss in more than two weeks as all 10 industry sectors of the broad market gauge fell. The drop was led by energy shares. Stocks slumped a day after the Federal Reserve decided to hold interest rates near zero. That means borrowing costs will remain low for a while yet, a prospect

of a point, interpreted the stand-pat stance as a sign that the global economy is dangerously weak.

"If growth in the strongest economy — the United States — isn't strong enough to raise rates even a quarter of point, what does that say about the prospects for global growth?" said Bill Strazzullo, chief strategist at market research firm Bell Curve Trading.

The Fed has kept its benchmark rate close to zero for almost seven years. In that time, U.S. stocks have tripled from their financial

cent, to 16,384.79. The S&P 500 slumped 32.12 points, or 1.6 percent, to 1,958.08 and the Nasdaq composite shed 66.72 points, or 1.4 percent, to 4,827.23

Bonds rallied as investors sought safety. The benchmark 10-year Treasury note gained, pushing down its yield to 2.13 percent. Gold also gained.

A gauge of investor fear, the VIX index, shot up 7 percent to 23. In early July, this measure of expected swings in stock prices was 12.

In its rate decision Thursday,

Universal Health Services buying Foundations for \$350M

NEW YORK (AP) — Universal Health Services, one of the largest hospital operators in the U.S., said Friday it will buy addiction treatment facility company Foundations Recovery Network for \$350 million.

Foundations provides treatment for adults who have both addiction and mental health disorders. It has two facilities in California, one in Northern Georgia and one in Memphis, Tennessee, along with eight outpatient

centers.

Universal Health Services said the deal will speed its growth in treating addiction and it praised Foundations' marketing.

The King of Prussia, Pennsylvania-based company said the Federal Trade Commission has approved the purchase and it expects to complete it within a few weeks. Shares of Universal Health Services Inc. lost 78 cents to \$138.23 in midday trading Friday.

Universal Health Services runs more than 200 hospitals.

At the end of 2014 its behavioral health business ran 216 facilities in 37 around the U.S. and in the United Kingdom, and its acute care business had 25 hospitals in six states and Washington, D.C. Universal Health Services had \$8 billion in revenue that year, with about half coming from the behavioral health business and half

from its acute care hospitals, surgical facilities and radiation oncology facilities.

The majority owner of Foundations is the Pritzker family, one of the wealthiest families in the U.S. Their holdings include Hyatt Hotels Corp., founded by Jay Pritzker in 1957. Business executive and philanthropist Penny Pritzker, Jay Pritzker's niece, has been U.S. Secretary of Commerce since June 2013. □

Household wealth reaches a new high in US: \$85.7 trillion

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Rising home values drove a modest increase in Americans' household wealth to a new high of \$85.7 trillion in the April-June quarter.

The Federal Reserve said Friday that Americans' stock portfolios climbed \$61 billion in value, while housing wealth increased \$499 billion. Total household wealth is up from \$85 trillion in the first quarter.

Rising household wealth can help boost growth by making consumers feel wealthier and more likely to spend. Economists estimate that consumer spending rises 3 to 5 cents for every dollar increase in wealth. Household spending drives about two-thirds of the economy.

Yet greater wealth doesn't necessarily benefit the typical family.

The stock market has more than doubled since the recession ended in June 2009, which mainly benefits richer households.

Approximately 10 percent of the wealthiest Americans own 80 percent of stocks, according to research by Edward Wolff, an economist at New York University.

The Fed's figures aren't adjusted for population growth or inflation. Household wealth, or net worth, reflects the value of homes, stocks and other assets minus mortgages, credit cards and other debts.

Americans also stepped up borrowing, a sign of confidence in the economy.

Total mortgage debt grew at the fastest level since the recession ended in 2009.

Overall household debt, which includes mortgages, student loans, auto loans and credit card debt, increased at the fastest pace in a year.

The jump in mortgage lending reflects the fact that home sales are rising at a solid pace, and that fewer sales are being made to investors and wealthy individuals, who frequently pay cash for homes. □

AP Source: UAW-Fiat Chrysler pact raises pay, profit-sharing

TOM KRISHER
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) — Hourly pay, profit sharing and performance bonuses will rise, but car production will move to lower-cost Mexico and be replaced by trucks and SUVs under a new contract between Fiat Chrysler and the United Auto Workers, a person briefed on the deal said.

Union leaders will explain details of the four-year pact to factory-level leaders at a meeting Friday afternoon in Detroit. They'll vote on it, and if approved, it will go to FCA's 39,000 union workers for another ratification vote that's likely to be finished next week.

The deal, reached Tuesday, has been criticized by some workers on social media sites, but UAW President Dennis Williams said it achieves union goals of giving entry-level workers a path to higher pay, rewarding members for sacrifices made while FCA struggled financially, and dealing with escalating health care costs.

Here are some details, according to the person, who asked not to be identified because the contract hasn't been presented to union members yet:

— Pay raises for longtime workers: Those hired before 2007 would go from \$28.50 per hour to \$30 per hour during the four-year contract. They haven't had raises in more than a decade, although they have received profit-sharing checks.

— Pay raises for entry-level workers: Those hired in 2007 or later who now make about half the wages of longtime workers would see starting pay go from \$15.28 per hour to around \$17. Top pay would go from \$19.28 to around \$25. It is unclear how long it will take to get to the top wage. FCA CEO Sergio Marchionne said there's a progression to eventually end the second-tier wage, but gave no details. About 45 percent of FCA workers are paid the lower wage.

— Profit sharing: All workers get bigger checks than in the past, dependent on Fiat Chrysler's North American full-year profit margins. Workers will get \$800 for every 1 percent of profit margin once the company hits 2 percent. Profit margins are the percent of revenue that the company gets to keep. Last quarter, the margin was 7.7 percent. If FCA could sustain that for a full year, workers would get \$6,160. Entry-level workers could get more in their checks to help bridge the pay gap with longtime workers. They'd get another \$1,000 if margins hit 8 percent, \$2,000 for 9 percent and \$4,000 for 10 percent. Workers get nothing if margins don't hit 2 percent, insulating the company from added costs in bad times.

— Other incentives: Bonuses for meeting certain quality and performance metrics would be increased. Amount unknown.

— Cars lost, trucks and SUVs gained: To help pay for the raises and reduce FCA labor costs, car production with lower profit margins would be shifted to Mexico, where auto assembly wages are around \$6 per hour. Plants that lose car production would start making SUVs and trucks, including new products to preserve jobs.

— Plant investment: FCA agrees to invest \$5.3 billion in U.S. factories.

— Signing bonus: Workers would get \$3,000 if contract is ratified.

— Health care: Stays the same initially. But there's agreement in principle to form a giant health care pool to get bulk discounts from health care providers. Pool could include the UAW-run trust that pays bills for 600,000 retirees and spouses, plus 551,000 active employees and families from FCA, GM and Ford. Details to be worked out. □

Yuan devaluation could weigh on Chinese buyers of US homes

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AP Business Writer

Shanshan Wu already owns three houses back home in China. But the 36-year-old has spent the last two months in Chicago shopping for a three-bedroom. She's got cash to spend - up to \$400,000.

And she's not done. "The real estate market in China is dropping and I'm planning to sell one of them to maybe buy more houses in the U.S.," said Wu, whose hometown of Yunfu is in the province of Guangdong in southeast China.

Chinese have been snapping up U.S. real estate of all kinds, looking for a safer place to put their money than their own slowing economy. Investors from China are now second only to Canadians in the number of U.S. homes they buy. In the last few months, amid signs that China's economy is slowing even more than expected, Chinese investors have stepped up their buying even more. The government's decision last month to downgrade the country's currency added to their urgency, since a weaker yuan makes buying real estate in dollars more expensive.

"I got a spur of buyers contacting me the past few days," said Gloria Ma, an agent with Re/Max Action in Lisle, Illinois, who is working with several Chinese homebuyers. "Some of the people are selling part of their holdings over there and come here and buy." While purchases by foreigners represent just a sliver of overall U.S. home sales, they have impacted markets significantly in certain cities such as New York, San Francisco, Seattle and Irvine, California. Buyers are also showing up in more affordable Midwestern areas like Chicago.

In the 12 months ended in March, roughly 209,000 U.S. houses were sold to buyers living outside the U.S. or immigrants in the country for less than two years, according to the National Association of Realtors. That

represents about 4 percent of all sales of previously occupied homes in the same period.

Of the \$104 billion in total sales, Chinese buyers accounted for the biggest portion, \$28.6 billion. Half of those sales involved homes

off," said Tan, whose clients tend to buy condos priced between \$1 million and \$5 million.

That price range is typical of Chinese investors buying homes elsewhere in the U.S. And most of them pay in cash.



Shanshan Wu, left, goes over real estate listings with her broker, Lisa Li, in Naperville, Ill. Wu, who already owns three houses back home in China, has spent the last two months in Chicago shopping for a three-bedroom home, and she's not done. Chinese have been snapping up U.S. real estate of all kinds, looking for a safer place to put their money than their own slowing economy.

(AP Photo/M. Spencer Green)

in Florida, California, Texas and Arizona.

Overall, U.S. home sales to foreign buyers have been falling - 10 percent in the 12 months ended in March compared to the same period a year earlier - but the devaluation of the yuan makes a slowdown in Chinese deals unlikely.

That's one reason it's likely that Chinese who are interested in buying real estate won't pull back now, said Lawrence Yun, chief economist for the National Association of Realtors.

So far this year, the yuan has fallen 2.6 percent versus the dollar. It now takes about 6.37 yuan to buy \$1. That's still better than five years ago, when 6.77 yuan bought \$1.

For now, the change in the currency is likely not enough to dissuade well-heeled homebuyers from China, said Wei Min Tan, a real estate broker who caters to investors looking to buy condominiums in Manhattan. "My clients may say, 'OK, I'll just negotiate an extra 5 percent

"In the last year or two, we've seen more sales pushing \$5 to \$10 million," said Tere Foster, managing broker for Team Foster at Windemere Real Estate in Seattle.

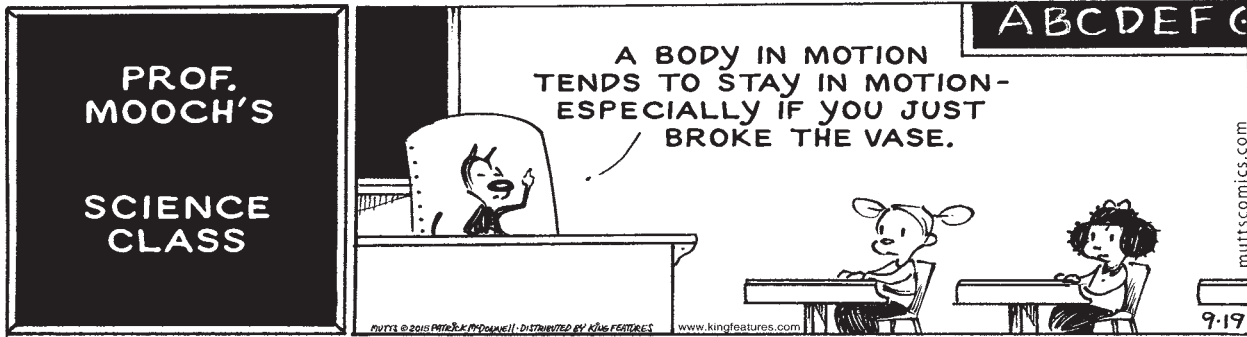
The segment of homes most in demand by Chinese buyers are those priced around \$1.2 million, she said.

"That's where we're seeing a lot of the business," Foster said.

Not all buyers are wealthy investors. Some are middle-income earners with kids bound for university in the U.S. They will typically buy an apartment or small single-family home for their kids to live in while they go to college, said Lisa Li, an agent at Re/Max of Naperville, a suburb of Chicago. Others will use the home as a vacation property or a rental.

It's not just the U.S. attracting Chinese real estate investment. Australia, other parts of Asia and Europe have also been popular spots for Chinese homebuyers. □

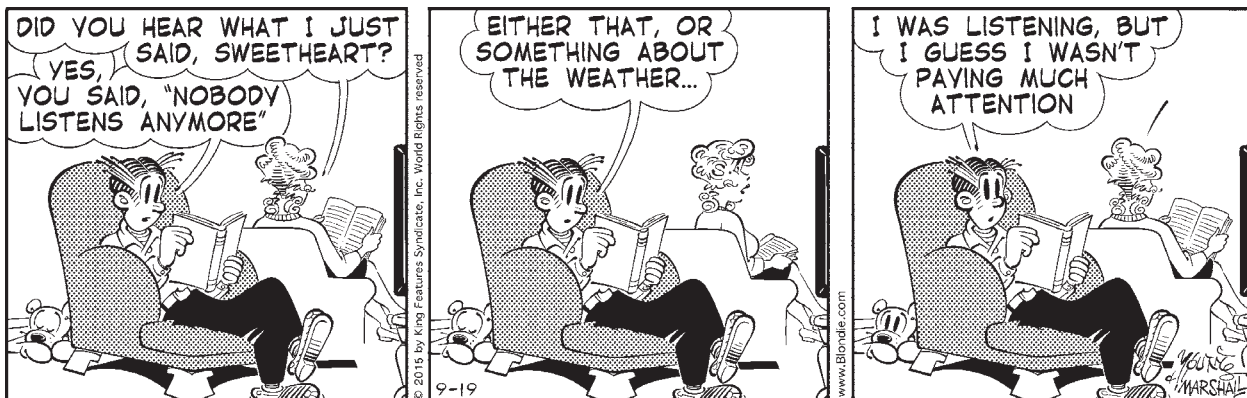
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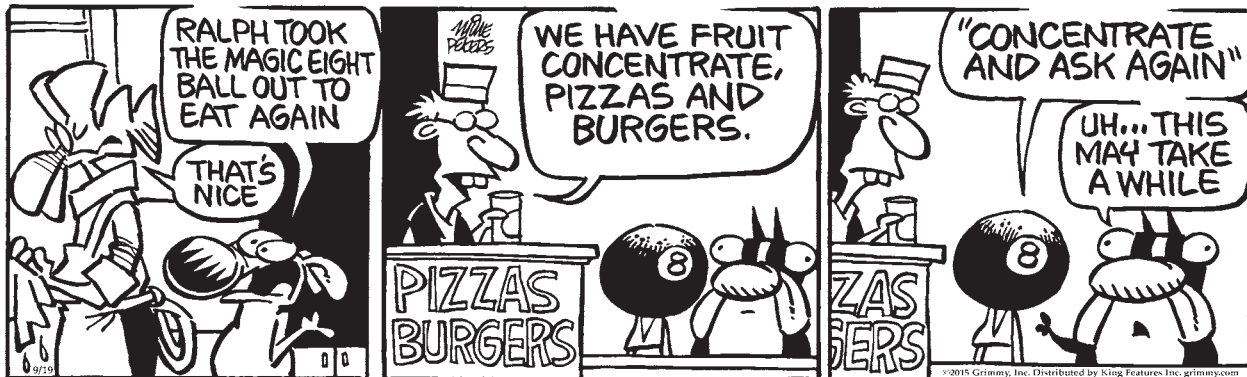
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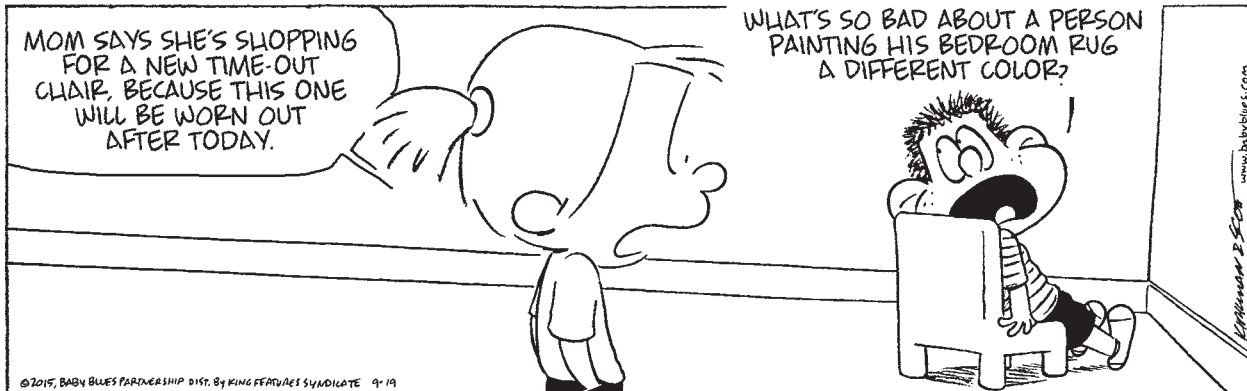
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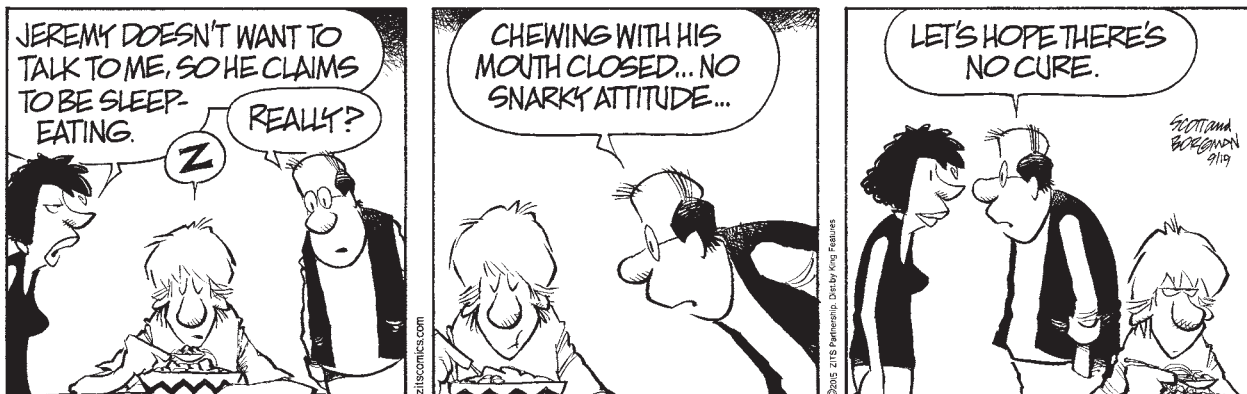
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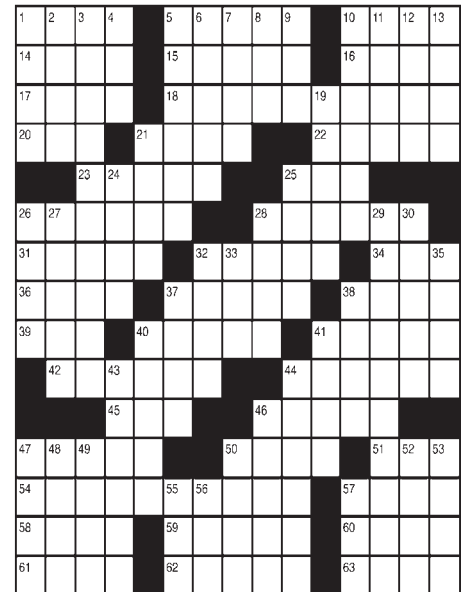
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Yesterday's puzzle answer

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9	7	2	5	3	6	4	1	8
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6	8	9	3	5	4	1	7	2
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ACROSS

- Pompously self-satisfied
- Bush
- Button alternative
- "Penny _"; Beatles song
- Self-confidence
- Spanish bull
- Eden resident
- "I pledge _ to the flag..."
- The _; NY opera house
- A-F connectors
- Mountain peak
- Mah-jongg pieces
- Even score
- Meager
- Shaped
- Agreements
- Underhanded; questionable
- Coolidge, to friends
- Canyon sound
- Remembered Texas mission
- Comfy; snug
- Actor Daniel _ Kim
- Peruvian pack animal
- Not as nuts
- Most peculiar
- Remove from the throne
- Family card game
- Tribal pole
- Saber or foil
- Cincinnati team
- _ perfect world; ideally
- Far-reaching
- Read over quickly
- No ifs, _ or buts
- Elevate
- In _; hurting
- Mrs. Truman
- Proprietor
- Know-it-_; smart alects



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Friday's Puzzle Solved

DOWN

- _ dunk; shot in basketball
- Manufactured
- Single
- Jewel
- Actor Kevin
- _ on to; grips
- Irritate
- _ up; spend
- Plead
- Gazed
- Zero
- Rainbows
- Walt Whitman or Robert Frost
- In a cold way
- Lunch orders, for short
- Run _; meet quickly
- Fuss & bother
- Raced
- Chocolate bean
- Family member
- Cost-effective
- Stupors
- Mini blind piece
- Pork product
- Ancient harp

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- Besides
- Outer garment
- Gives, but expects back
- Matching pairs
- Under _; being forced
- Walk unsteadily
- Rib
- Mop the floor
- Merlot or port
- Chances
- Harness strap
- Hammer target
- Jillian & Curry
- Expert
- Uncooked
- Swirling waters

Puerto Rico

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Nearly 2,000 have left Lares in the past four years, with another nearly 4,000 people leaving from 2000 to 2010, emptying out neighborhoods as the number of homes for sale multiply. Overall, an estimated

other young people from Lares were recruited for jobs in the U.S. the same way.

"Imagine, you have nothing here and they offer you everything over there," said Matias, who was in Lares visiting family. "I'm leaving because there is nothing, nothing, nothing at all here."

ernment funds that have paid in part for the construction of a park, renovations of rundown homes and a program to help the town's growing elderly population, which has swelled by nearly 10 percent the past four years, one of the biggest increases in Puerto Rico.



Francisco Gonzalez gives a haircut to a customer at his barbershop in Lares, Puerto Rico. Despite the economic downturn, some business owners are determined to stick it out in Lares.

(AP Photo/Ricardo Arduengo)

144,000 people left Puerto Rico between 2010 and 2013, and then more than 64,000 fled last year in the largest exodus in decades. About a third of all people born in Puerto Rico now live on the U.S. mainland. "Every day we lose more clients," said Edilberto Rodriguez, owner of The Sports Bar in downtown Lares. "They stop in and say goodbye, saying that they're moving to the United States, that there is no work."

Among them is 20-year-old Angela Matias. Local government officials put her in touch with a U.S.-based company that paid for her flight and her first month's rent to work as a housekeeper at hotels in Louisiana. More than a dozen

The population loss is even reflected at Lares' public basketball courts.

Jose Perez, 20, said he and his friends used to wait at least three hours for the chance to play a game. Now they have to wait because there are not enough players.

"There were only four of us the other day," he said. "We couldn't play."

Pagan said Lares is scraping by thanks to U.S. gov-

"If it weren't for the help from the federal government, this would be chaos," he said, adding that even those funds have been limited and that municipal officials have been forced at times to pick up garbage and paint public recreation areas. Despite the economic downturn, some business owners like Rodriguez are determined to stick it out. □

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Captive snake with no male companion gives birth _ again

JIM SALTER

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — For the second time in two years, a captive snake in south-east Missouri has given birth without any interaction with a member of the opposite sex.

Officials at the Missouri Department of Conservation's Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center say a female yellow-bellied water snake reproduced on her own in 2014 and again this summer.

The snake has been living in captivity, without a male companion, for nearly eight years.

An intern who cares for the snake found the freshly laid membranes in July.

This year's offspring didn't survive, but the two born last summer are on display at the nature center, about 100 miles south of St. Louis.

Conservation Department herpetologist Jeff Briggler said virgin births are rare but can occur in some species through a process called parthenogenesis. It occurs in some insects, fish, amphibians, birds and reptiles, including some snakes, but not mammals. Parthenogenesis is a type of asexual reproduction in which offspring develop from unfertilized eggs, meaning there is no genetic contribution by a male. It's caused

when cells known as polar bodies, which are produced with an animal's egg and usually die, behave like sperm and fuse with the egg, triggering cell division.

The conservation department said there are no other documented cases of parthenogenesis by a yellow-bellied water snake. Like other water snakes,



This 2015 photo provided by the Missouri Department of Conservation shows a female yellow-bellied water snake at the Cape Girardeau, Mo., Conservation Nature Center that for the second time in two years has given birth without any help from a male member of the species, conservationists say.

Associated Press



This 2015 photo provided by the Missouri Department of Conservation shows membranes that were laid by a female yellow-bellied water snake at the Cape Girardeau, Mo., Conservation Nature Center.

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this species gives birth to live young rather than eggs that hatch.

Robert Powell, a biology professor and snake expert at Avila University in Kansas City, said the Brahminy blind snake — a small burrowing animal native to southeast

Asia commonly known as the flowerpot snake — has long been the only known snake that routinely reproduces without a male's contribution.

In the Missouri case, it's possible — but unlikely — that momma snake simply stored sperm from her time in the wild.

But Michelle Randecker, a naturalist at the center, said eight years is too long. Powell agreed, saying a female snake usually can't store sperm for longer than a year, although there are

accounts of successful storage as long as three years. "Long-term storage is unusual. When you run into situations like this, you always wonder, 'Is that a possibility?'" he said.

"If nothing else, it's an interesting phenomena. Whether this is long-term storage or parthenogenesis, it's cool. Just another sign that nature works in mysterious ways."

A.J. Hendershott, outreach and education regional supervisor for the conservation department, said there was some pride in having the first snake of its species reproduce through parthenogenesis.

"This is the way you make discoveries when you keep things in captivity," Hendershott said. "You learn things about what they're capable of." □

Actors join campaign to draw attention to Arctic issue

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)

— Critics of Arctic offshore petroleum drilling have used climbing gear, kayaks and polar bear costumes to protest industrial activity in the Arctic. They're now trying humor.

Actors Alexander Skarsgard of "True Blood" and Jack McBrayer of "30 Rock," along with Andy Bichlbaum of "The Yes Men" activists, are on a Greenpeace ship in the Greenland Sea with a team from the Funny or Die production company to make a comedy series focused on industrial threats to the Arctic.

"It's really important that we reach as many people as possible with the message that the Arctic deserves our protection — it's not just another resource to be exploited until it's exhausted and broken," Greenpeace Arctic campaigner Sune Scheller said by email Thursday from the Arctic Sunset, a 160-foot Greenpeace icebreaker. Arctic waters, once mostly ignored, are attracting attention as summer sea ice has diminished, expanding opportunities for tourism, shipping and exploratory petroleum drilling. The National Snow and Ice Data Center on Tuesday said the Arctic hit its summer minimum last week with 1.7 million square miles of sea ice, down 240,000 square miles from 2014. It's the fourth-lowest level on record for summer sea ice in September.



In this May 10, 2012, file photo, Alexander Skarsgard, a cast member in the film "Battleship," waves at the American premiere of the film in Los Angeles.

Environmental groups say burning oil extracted from the Arctic Ocean seabed will accelerate climate warming and that industrialization will harm polar bears, walruses, whales and ice seals.

Margaret Williams, Arctic program director for World Wildlife Fund, said Arctic awareness has increased as Americans experience extreme weather events. "Increasingly, Americans understand that the impacts of the extreme weather events — drought and floods and crazy winter storms that they're experiencing in the Lower 48 — are related to the changes in the Arctic," she said.

The declaration of the polar bear as a threatened species in 2008 played a

part, she said, as did worldwide photos of 35,000 walrus hauled out last September on northwest Alaska beach because of a lack of sea ice.

Arctic issues reached an apex two weeks ago, she said, when President Barack Obama, on a trip to Alaska to draw attention to climate warming, became the first sitting U.S. president to visit the Arctic. Eroding Alaska villages, he noted, were once protected by sea ice.

Critics of Arctic drilling, however, target the Obama administration for granting permits to Royal Dutch Shell PLC for exploration wells in the Chukchi Sea.

Scheller said Greenpeace is in the Greenland Sea to investigate seismic air guns

used by the petroleum industry to explore for oil. Shell, Chevron, Statoil and other companies hold leases in the region.

"They're basically firing very loud pulses at the seabed, trying to figure out where the oil deposits are located," Scheller said. "These blasts are so loud that they can seriously injure whales and other ocean life. But right now they're doing this without much public attention or scrutiny."

Greenpeace has been tracking seismic vessels off Greenland since mid-August. Skarsgard, McBrayer and Bichlbaum came on board in mid-September. □

Arctic drilling also has previ-

ously caught the attention of celebrity environmentalists.

Actor Ted Danson, a board member of ocean advocacy group Oceana, was in Alaska in 2010 filming the Drew Barrymore movie "Everybody Loves Whales." He testified at a federal hearing and called for a pause in drilling plans.

"Law and Order" star Sam Waterston, another Oceana board member, recently narrated a two-minute video on the risk of Arctic drilling that the organization has posted on its website.

Carolyn Prousky, head of public relations for Funny Or Die, said by email that the Arctic voyage comedy series will be short videos. She was not sure of the release date on the company's platforms.

Shell officials have said repeatedly they have followed every requirement imposed by federal regulators and that drilling can be done safely in Arctic waters.

The company is working to complete an exploratory well 70 miles off the Alaska coast and has assembled a flotilla of nearly 30 vessels that could respond to a spill.

In an interview this month, Marvin Odum, president of Shell Oil Co., said nothing will change the minds of some who protest Arctic drilling. He welcomes debate, he said, on how to drill safely but not illegal tactics that put protesters or workers in danger. □

David Letterman to take part in series about climate change

NEW YORK (AP) — David Letterman will return to TV next year to help draw attention to the effects of climate change when he appears on an episode of "Years of Living Dangerously."

The National Geographic Channel series, which Thursday was renewed for a second season, has

signed Letterman for his first announced appearance since leaving his job hosting CBS' "Late Show."

Fellow correspondents will include Ty Burrell, James Cameron, Don Cheadle, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Olivia Munn, Ian Somerhalder and Cecily Strong, among others.

Each will give first-person accounts of conditions at locations from across the planet where the effects of climate change are most prevalent.

"Years of Living Dangerously," whose new season is scheduled for fall 2016, was last year's Emmy winner for best documentary or non-fiction series. □



In this March 2, 2015 file photo, David Letterman attends "An Evening of SeriousFun Celebrating the Legacy of Paul Newman," hosted by the SeriousFun Children's Network at Avery Fisher Hall in New York.

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In this Sept. 17, 2015 file photo, First lady Michelle Obama speaks to students during her visit to a career and technical training program at Howard Community College, in Columbia, Md.

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Michelle Obama to guest on Colbert's 'Late Show' on Sept. 28

NEW YORK (AP) — First lady Michelle Obama is set to pay a visit to "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert."

CBS says she'll be a guest on the show's Sept. 28 edition.

Mrs. Obama will highlight "Let Girls Learn," which aims to help the more than 62 million girls around the

world attend school and complete their educations. She also will address her "Reach Higher" initiative, an effort to inspire students to take charge of their future by completing their higher education.

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" airs weeknights on CBS at 11:35 p.m. EDT. □

Megan Fox to guest star as a new girl on 'New Girl' sitcom

NEW YORK (AP) — Megan Fox will guest star in a recurring role next season on "New Girl."

The popular actress will play a gorgeous pharmaceutical sales rep who shakes things up in the loft by renting out the room of Jess (series star Zooey Deschanel) while she is sequestered on jury duty. Fox will make her first appearance in the sixth episode of the upcoming fifth season, scheduled to premiere in January on the Fox network.

Fox is best known from her hit films, "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" and "Transformers." □



In this Aug. 1, 2014 file photo, Megan Fox arrives at special screening of "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" at AMC Lincoln Square, in New York.

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'Orange Is The New Black' soundtrack is a family affair



This May 20, 2015 file photo, Jenji Kohan arrives at Netflix's "Orange Is The New Black" Q&A Screening at the Director Guild of America in Los Angeles.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Producing the second soundtrack for the Netflix series "Orange Is the New Black" became a family affair for show creator Jenji Kohan.

Kohan's 14-year-old daughter, Eliza Noxon, has the opening song on "Music from the Original Series Orange Is the New Black: Seasons 2 & 3," released digitally last month. "Hummingbird," an original track, was used in the season three opening episode. Kohan said her daughter, who also plays the ukulele, wrote the song when she was 12 at a family camping trip when she was trying to come up with something to do at a talent show.

"She went off to the cabin and she came back with this song fully formed ... she sat down and played this song and everyone was kind of gobsmailed," Kohan said in a recent in-

terview. "I was really impressed and when we did the Mother's Day episode, I said, 'Eliza, I want to use this song.'"

"And I also love that it was the Mother's Day episode and it was sort of my gift to myself to have my child in that. It was our connection in a way," Kohan added. Kohan said she's "biased because she's my child, but I'm also not the easiest mother ..."

I'm a pretty tough critic and I think she wrote a really great song."

The 13-song soundtrack, which will be released on vinyl in November, also features songs by 50 Cent, Ike & Tina Turner, Foreigner, Martha Wainwright, Gertrude Lawrence and Dum Dum Girls. Kohan said she and her staff, including music supervisor Bruce Gilbert, search everywhere for music to include on the series. "We look on YouTube, we go to live shows, we

go back to old mixtapes that we love, we listen to friends' bands," she said. "I think we're all eclectic here, and just like the show is so eclectic — you have all sorts of people, all different ages, all different backgrounds, all different ethnicities, and hopefully the soundtrack reflects that, too."

She said it's sometimes tough selecting songs because "our budget is kind of limited, so we can't go for the obvious choices and the big hits ... we have to work a little harder."

Kohan, who also created the Showtime series "Weeds," said there's a chance her daughter's music could be featured on future episodes of "OITNB."

"I have used my kids in things and left them on the editing floor," she said. "OITNB" is nominated for four awards at Sunday's Emmys. □

Wes Ball, Hollywood's new blockbuster visionary

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AP Film Writer

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. (AP)

— Wes Ball didn't mean to have a signature hat. He can't even remember where he got the tattered, sweat-stained, beige baseball cap with the white embroidered

"Catskill Mountains" stitching. But he knows one thing for sure — he's not taking it off anytime soon, and definitely not during production.

During one of the busiest weeks near the end of filming "The Scorch Trials," the second movie in the "Maze Runner" trilogy, Ball thought he might try out a new hat, and everything went haywire. Not only were they shooting the most complicated sequence in the shortest amount of time, it was also at night in the New Mexico desert, where the temperature sometimes dropped to the single digits. Then the cast started having medical issues.

Ki Hong Lee got appendicitis. Kaya Scodelario had a kidney failure. Dexter Darden was hospitalized with sickle cell anemia. Then Dylan O'Brien contracted the flu, was out for two days, and came back only to break a leg in the



Director Wes Ball poses for a portrait in Los Angeles on Friday, September 11, 2015 in promotion of his new film *The Maze Runner*.

middle of a scene.

And yes, he used the take where he breaks his leg.

"The whole end scene he's got a broken leg. You can see him hobbling," said Ball on a recent afternoon at his office in the San Fernando Valley. "I was like, 'I'm never taking off this hat again.'"

In the end, this perfect storm of chaos only added two days to the schedule and they still came in un-

der budget. Not bad for a green director who was plucked out of near obscurity to set the tone for "The Maze Runner" franchise, Fox's attempt at making a "Hunger Games" of their own. With the first "Maze Runner," which was made for \$34 million and earned over \$340 million worldwide last year, Ball has proven himself to be a pro who can deliver. Fox loves him. His actors love him. It's the

sort of reputation you need when you're making your name in Hollywood.

"He doesn't waste money. He knows where he wants to spend. He knows what he needs to build and then what he can add on to with visual effects," said veteran producer Wyck Godfrey. "He has vision. That's the long and the short of it... It wasn't just talk."

At 34, he's not exactly a wunderkind. He's paid his

dues. Ball attended film school at Florida State University with dreams of directing. He won a Student Academy Award for an animated short that helped him get a foot in the door when he first moved to Los Angeles. That translated to jobs in VFX and post work, which paid the bills and continued his technical education while he developed projects on the side. Then one took off. "Ruin," an 8½-minute computer animated post-apocalyptic adventure, went viral. Suddenly he was getting calls from agents and taking meetings all over town. During this time, someone at Fox gave him James Dashner's "The Maze Runner" to look at. He did, developed a pitch, and within a few days he had sold "Ruin" and gotten the "Maze Runner" job, both at Fox. "It's rare that you give somebody a shot based on an animated short film to do a live action movie. You could see in the short that he had real cinematic flair," said Godfrey.

Ball's Universal City office, a multi-level loft that he shares with filmmaker friends, is a hub of creativity and a film geek's paradise.

Jewel recounts family hardships in new memoir, album

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)

Most people know Jewel's rags-to-riches story — growing up on an Alaskan homestead, getting discovered as a homeless teen in a California coffee shop, going platinum on her debut album, "Pieces of You," a folksy anthem in the grunge era.

But as she reveals in her new memoir, "Never Broken," and a companion album, "Picking Up the Pieces," her story didn't have a fairytale ending.

"I've always been very transparent as an artist," said the 41-year-old singer. "I've been known throughout my career to share a

lot. But I think people will be quite surprised by what is in the book. Honestly, I think the biggest setbacks I faced were after I became famous."

Difficult and sometimes painful family relationships led her to become mostly independent as a teenager, crafting her skills in bars and coffee shops. She writes that her father was physically and verbally abusive to her and her brothers, which she attributes to his drinking and his own personal trauma. They have since reconciled.

"I think that anybody that reads the book won't consider this a salacious book, but it is incredibly forthright," Jewel said. "My dad

gave me permission. ... My dad grew up in an abusive household. My dad became abusive. ... What are cycles of abuse and what kinds of conversations can we have in America about emotional patterns?"

She also details how her mother took control of her finances and subsequently led her into debt despite selling millions of albums, according to the book. The two stopped talking in 2003.

The final chapters of the book describe her romance with champion rodeo cowboy Ty Murray, who she married in 2008 and had a son with, and their divorce last year.

"My life has been setback



In this Sept. 10, 2015 photo, Jewel poses for a portrait to promote her latest album, "Picking Up the Pieces," at The Standard in Nashville, Tenn.

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after setback after setback," Jewel said. "And it's been about learning how can I stand up and not just survive, but how do I thrive? How do I become more

loving, more yielding, more whole, instead of letting this damage me and make me more brittle and more unable to experience love and trust." □

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